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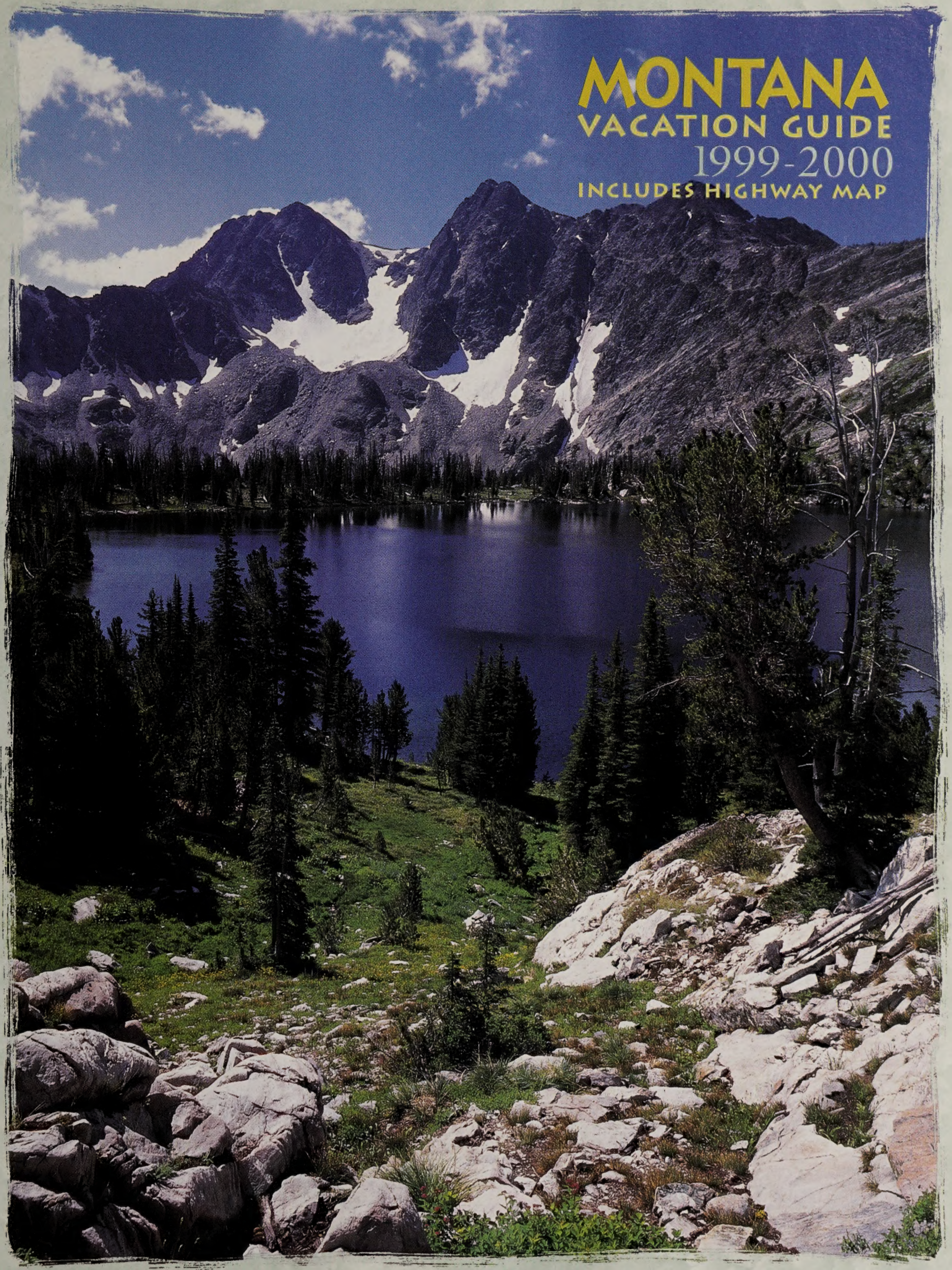

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Montana experience is as rewarding as each visitor makes it. Here are some tips to make your trip more enjoyable and assure a quality experience for future visitors:

• Help preserve our heritage by leaving ghost towns, mining camps and other historical attractions intact. Take photographs, but nothing else.

• Leave Montana's natural features as you find them. Plants and flowers are best enjoyed in their natural state.

• Respect the rights and property of others. Always get permission before entering private land.

• Dispose of trash properly.

• For your safety and theirs, enjoy wildlife from a distance.

• We're known for our friendliness—especially when you respect our traditions, customs and local ordinances.

• Support our economy; look for the Made in Montana label when you shop.

SINCE LEWIS & CLARK, WE'VE BEEN

WELCOMING EXPLORERS TO MONTANA.

Montana invites you to take the journey of a lifetime. Retrace the footsteps of President Jefferson's famed Lewis and Clark Expedition. Explore a landscape that still supports America's wildest creatures. Discover glaciers and geysers, wilderness and wild rivers.

Montana is our nation's fourth-largest state. Yet, in terms of population, we're about the size of a small American city—less than a million. That leaves plenty of elbow room, so take your time in exploring our mountains and prairies, our lakes, rivers and streams, our friendly cities and towns, our parks, history and culture. Montana's beloved cowboy artist, Charlie Russell, put it best when he said, "When you come to town don't forget our latchstring is on the outside."

Welcome,

Marc Racicot

Governor Marc Racicot

OPPOSITE TOP: THE VIEW FROM THE TOP (TONY DEMIN) · OPPOSITE BOTTOM: STOPPING TO SMELL THE FLOWERS (D. SEXTON) · ABOVE LEFT: MOUNTAIN GOAT (DONALD M. JONES) · ABOVE RIGHT:GOVERNOR MARC AND THERESA RACICOT (SCOTT PHOTOGRAPHY)
FRONT COVER: UPPER MINER LAKE, BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST (MARK LAGERSTROM) · BACK COVER: MULE DEER (RODNEY SCHLECHT)

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Montana is a big state with dramatically different landscapes. For your convenience, we have divided the state into six vacation regions, each with attractions and scenery that live up to its name. For a more detailed map, see page 22.

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HERE, THE BIG SKY IS THE LIMIT.

Montana's nickname is "Big Sky Country." And once you've visited, you'll know why. Whether it's mountains in the west or rolling plains in the east, high above you'll find a bright expanse of big, beautiful sky. But don't just look overhead for beautiful sights. Look all around you. Montana is filled with scenic wonders to see, fun things to do and friendly people to meet. Hike, bike, raft, watch wildlife, take photos, ride horses or spend time in our great indoors (shopping, museums, galleries and more). Use this Vacation Guide to get an overview of the best of the Big Sky. For information on accommodations, campgrounds, outfitters and guides and winter activities, contact:

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Skywest
800-453-9417

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800-241-6522

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Powder River Trailways
800-442-3682

Rimrock Trailways
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800-226-ROAD (7623)
Web: www.mdt.mt.gov
TDD: 406-444-7696 or
800-335-7592

WEATHER
406-449-5204

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.....406-444-2074

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.....406-444-2535, TDD: 406-444-1200
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.....406-526-3411

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U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.....406-247-7313

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.....303-236-7400

USDA Forest Service-Northern Region.....406-329-3511

All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406.

MONTANA AT A GLANCE

NICKNAME: Treasure State

POPULATION:
856,057 (1994 est.); ranked 44th

INDIAN POPULATION:
11 tribes on 7 reservations comprising roughly 6% of total population.

LARGEST CITY: Billings (86,578)

NUMBER OF COUNTIES: 56

CITIES AND TOWNS: 126

AREA:
147,138 square miles (4th largest)

DENSITY: 6 people per square mile

HIGHEST POINT:
Granite Peak, 12,799 feet

LOWEST POINT:
Kootenai River, 1,800 feet

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE:
117° at Medicine Lake (July 5, 1937)

LOWEST TEMPERATURE:
-70° at Rogers Pass (Jan. 20, 1954)

CAPITAL: Helena

STATE FLOWER: Bitterroot

STATE TREE: Ponderosa pine

STATE BIRD: Western meadowlark

STATE ANIMAL: Grizzly bear

STATE FISH: Cutthroat trout

STATE GEMSTONES:
Agate and Sapphire

STATE GRASS:
Bluebunch wheatgrass

STATE FOSSIL:
Duck-billed dinosaur
(Maiasaura peeblesorum)

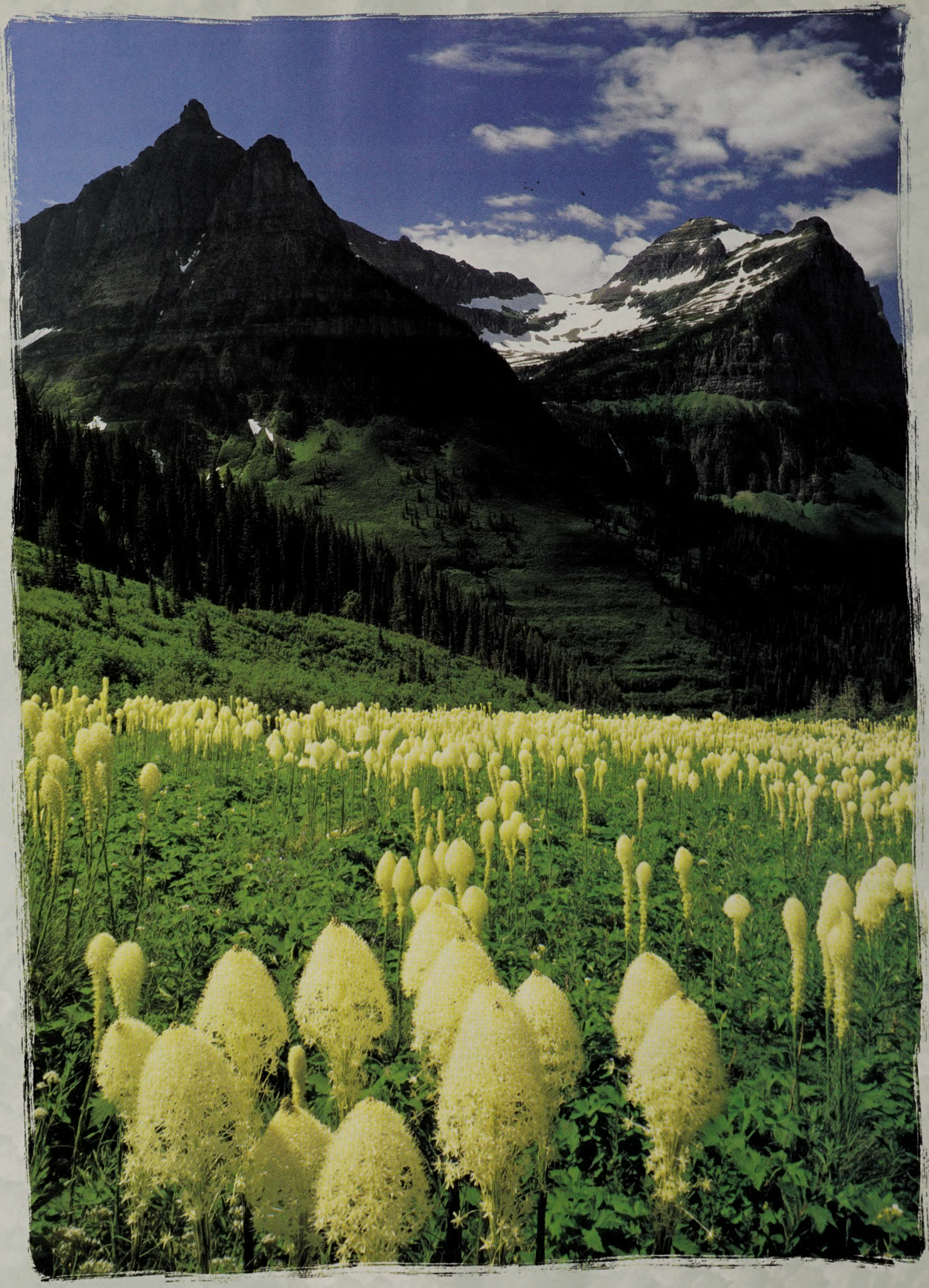
STATE MOTTO:
Oro y Plata (gold and silver)

MAJOR INDUSTRIES:
Agriculture, travel & tourism, mineral production, wood & paper products, construction

AVERAGE DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURE

	January		July	
CITY	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Billings	32.0	13.3	87.0	58.4
Bozeman	30.2	7.8	75.7	40.5
Butte	28.4	4.2	80.1	45.1
Great Falls	30.9	12.3	83.6	54.9
Havre	23.9	3.5	84.2	54.9
Helena	28.8	10.7	82.1	53.6
Kalispell	28.2	13.7	80.6	49.8
Miles City	26.3	5.7	88.9	60.1
Missoula	29.8	14.0	84.8	50.4

OPPOSITE: A TRUE COW "BOY" (DUSAN SMETANA) · TOP: SQUARE BUTTE (LAWRENCE B. DODGE) · ABOVE: WESTERN MEADOWLARK (DONALD M. JONES)



MOTHER NATURE'S BEST WORK HAS SENSIBLY BEEN LEFT ALONE.

Jagged mountains of granite. Rolling green plains. Crystal-clear lakes and refreshing streams. They are all here in Montana. Add teeming populations of wildlife and you complete the picture of Big Sky Country, a landscape rich in scenes of natural wonder.

Montana is home to two national parks: Glacier and Yellowstone. Glacier Park is known for its inspiring peaks, backcountry hikes and the aptly-named Going-to-the-Sun Road, a 52-mile excursion across the crest of the Continental Divide. Yellowstone, the world's first national park, features erupting geysers like Old Faithful, majestic waterfalls, petrified forests and roaming bison, elk and other wildlife.

But national parks aren't the only scenic treasures in the Treasure State. For every spectacular acre in Glacier or Yellowstone, there are millions more in our other public lands: national forests, state parks, wilderness areas

OPPOSITE: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (JOHN REDDY) · TOP: MT. HAGGIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (JOHN REDDY) · ABOVE LEFT: HORSIN' AROUND (DIANE ENSIGN) · ABOVE RIGHT: MISSOURI RIVER NEAR GLASGOW (WAYNE MUMFORD)

A FEW DRIVES WORTH A LOOK.

Just about any Montana highway is a scenic drive. You don't have to visit a park or trek into a wilderness area to see some amazing sights. You just need a full tank of gas. Here are some suggestions:

- The Beartooth Highway connecting Red Lodge and Yellowstone Park. Here you'll cross the Beartooth Plateau, with altitudes nearing 13,000 feet.
- The Seeley-Swan Highway on MT 83 between Clearwater Junction and Bigfork. As you drive, you'll be surrounded by dense national forests and inviting mountain lakes.
- The Pintler Scenic Route on MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda. Traverse a mountain pass with views of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness.
- Kings Hill National Scenic Byway between White Sulphur Springs and Great Falls. Treat yourself to views of central Montana's Little Belt Mountains.
- Makoshika State Park bordering Glendive. A drive back in time through an 8,123-acre preserve of badlands and prairie complete with fossil remains.
- C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge on US 191 north of the Missouri River. A two-hour backcountry drive through eastern Montana's wildlife-rich prairie and badlands.

and wildlife refuges. Montana's state parks offer recreational opportunities from boating and camping to wildlife watching. Nine national forests are filled with roads and trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. Montana's wildlife refuges preserve habitat for thriving populations of waterfowl, big game and other creatures. And, Montana protects millions of acres of scenic splendor in some of the nation's most famous wilderness areas, including the Bob Marshall and the Absaroka-Beartooth. But land and sky aren't all that's big in Montana. The state is

filled with pure waters as well—ranging from some of the world's most famous blue ribbon trout streams to deep turquoise lakes.

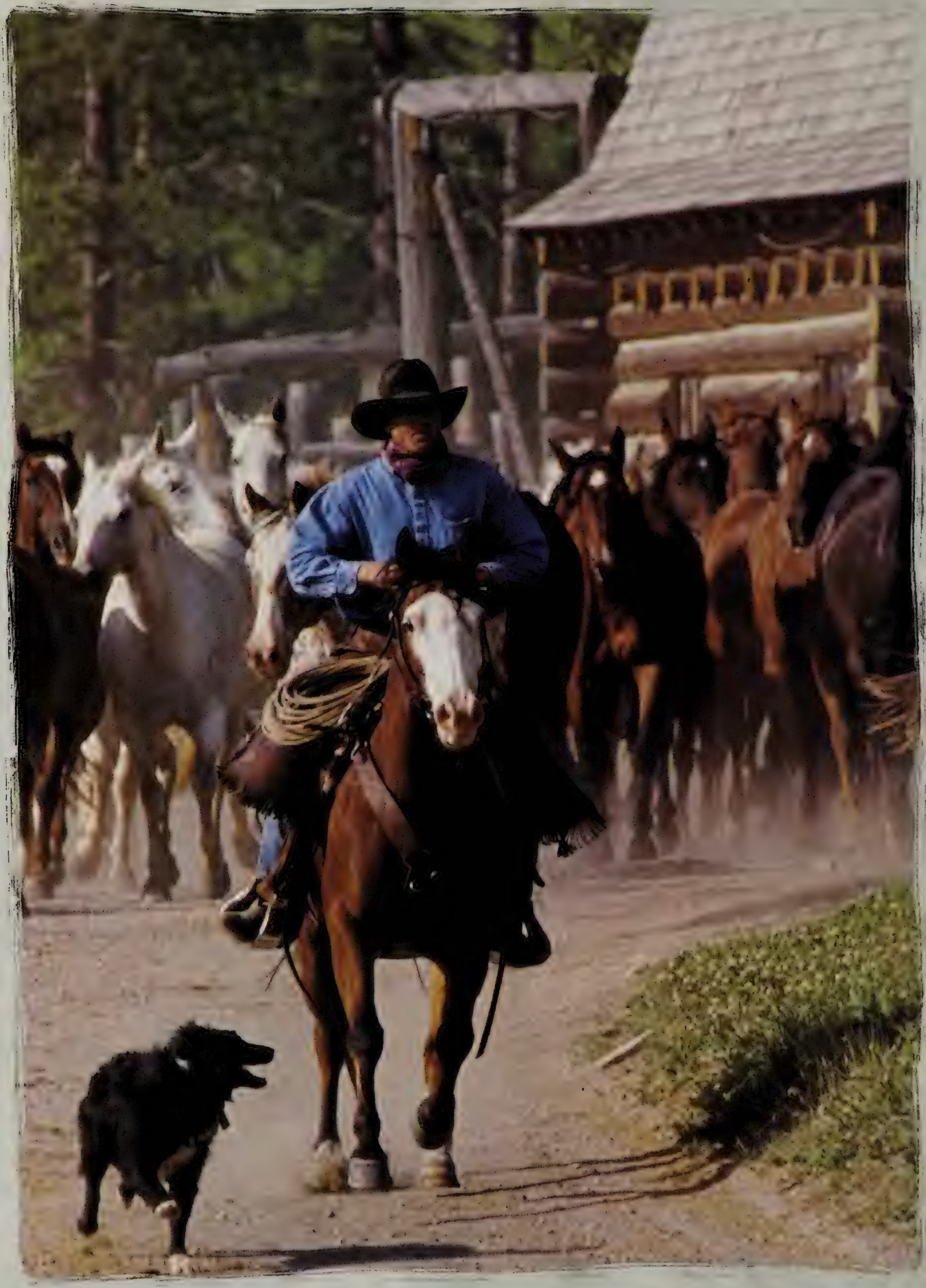
Earth, sky, water. Those are the elements revered by this land's native peoples. Those were the elements that brought Lewis & Clark—and subsequent explorers—to Montana. And, they are the elements that continue to attract adventurers today. Montana is a special kind of place—a place where magnificent landscapes exist untouched by the hands of man; awe-inspiring testaments to the design of nature.

OPPOSITE TOP: MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK (CHUCK HANEY) · OPPOSITE BOTTOM: BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (SALVATORE VASAPOLLI) · TOP: CRAZY MOUNTAINS(ROB OUTLAW) · ABOVE: BISON, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (D. SEXTON)

MEET SOME OF MONTANA'S ORIGINAL RESIDENTS.

In Montana, the wildlife outnumber the people. And you'll find a greater variety of wildlife in Big Sky Country than anywhere else in the lower 48 states. Antelope, elk, moose, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, eagles and trumpeter swans call Montana home, as well as some of the more "celebrity" species like grizzly bears and wolves. Montana is active in the national "Watchable Wildlife" program, which helps to educate people about native species. Sites offering particularly noteworthy wildlife viewing opportunities are marked all across the state; just look for the brown and white "binocular" signs. Experts say the best time to see wildlife is right at dawn or dusk. A companion viewing guide that provides details about every Watchable Wildlife stop in Montana is available in bookstores.

OPPOSITE: BULL MOOSE (CONRAD ROWE) · TOP: BIGHORN RAMS (RODNEY SCHLECHT) · ABOVE LEFT: RED FOX (DENVER BRYAN) · ABOVE RIGHT: ELK IN VELVET (CAROL POLICH)



THE WEST
ISN'T JUST A DIRECTION. IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.

The West. Two words that paint pictures in the mind: vast ranches beneath snow-capped peaks; cattle grazing in flowered meadows; rugged cowboys in dusty leather saddles. The West has been fictionalized in print and on screen. But in Montana, it's more than a good story; it's an indelible part of life in a state that traces its rugged beginnings to ranching and mining.

All across Big Sky Country, you can get a glimpse of the West's mystique. Our western heritage is preserved at places like Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge, where the history of Montana cattle ranching from the 1850s through today is told. Historical Virginia City and Nevada City are national treasures detailing Montana's "gold rush" era. These living communities offer shopping, dining and theater even today. Many more ghost towns and historical attractions throughout the state offer links to Montana's western roots.

THE BIG SKY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Over the years, a small sampling of what makes Montana so special has been captured on film. And while the stories are usually imaginary, the adventure is here in living color. Some of the many movies made in Montana include:

- A River Runs Through It, 1991
- A Thousand Pieces of Gold, 1989
- Always, 1989

- Amazing Grace and Chuck, 1986
- Beethoven's 2nd, 1993
- Broken Arrow, 1995
- Disorganized Crime, 1988
- Everything That Rises, 1997
- Far and Away, 1991
- Firefox, 1982
- Heaven's Gate, 1979
- Holy Matrimony, 1993
- The Horse Whisperer, 1997
- Keep the Change, 1991
- Little Big Man, 1970
- Missouri Breaks, 1975
- Pow Wow Highway, 1987
- Rancho Deluxe, 1974
- Return to Lonesome Dove, 1993
- The River Wild, 1993
- Runaway Train, 1985
- Son of the Morning Star, 1990
- Thunderbolt & Lightfoot, 1974
- What Dreams May Come, 1997

And what about today? Our western spirit is very much alive and well. Cowboy hats and boots are still worn more for function than fashion. And whether you want a hands-on experience at a working guest ranch or a relaxing stay at a luxury resort, we serve it up with ample hospitality. Montana is also alive with frontier celebrations. You can dress up for a Victorian ball, dress down for a rodeo, treat yourself to a gathering of cowboy poets or join in a community threshing bee.

Montana offers a sophisticated view of the West. Many of the state's cultural attractions blend the West of yesterday with that of today. The Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings offers important works of western art, and is the largest art facility in a four-state region. The Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman retraces geologic history with dinosaurs and other exhibits. Theaters and performing arts complexes across the state host concerts, ballets, symphonies and artistic endeavors year-round.

Montana isn't just in the west. It is the West.

TOP: DIRTY SHAME DANCERS, SCOBEY (CANDY SOUTHLAND) · ABOVE LEFT: MONTANA IN LIVING COLOR (JIM MEPHAM) · ABOVE RIGHT: HUNTLEY THRESHING BEE (D. SEXTON)
BOTTOM: MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (BRUCE SELYEM) · OPPOSITE: A ROUGH RIDE (D. SEXTON)

HISTORY DOESN'T JUST EXIST IN OUR PAST.

Montana's past reads like a "Who's Who" of western history. The first and original inhabitants were the Plains Indians. Montana is home to seven Indian reservations, and many more attractions detailing the rich history of Montana's tribes. The Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning, the Chief Plenty Coups State Park in Pryor, the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Culture Center in Poplar, and "The People's Center" in Pablo are all important cultural institutions. On all reservations, social events such as powwows, hand games and shinny games are usually open to the public.

Early in the 19th century, America's westward expansion first reached Montana with the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The "Corps of Discovery" spent more time traveling across Montana than any other state that exists today. As testimony to this, Montana boasts Lewis & Clark celebrations in communities all across the state. The stunning new Lewis & Clark Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls tells the story of the expedition and the

OPPOSITE: BLACKFEET ELDER (D. SEXTON) • TOP: LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD, NEAR HARDIN (R. VALENTI).

Indian people already living here at the time.

Trappers soon followed, leaving behind historical landmarks such as the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site near Fairview. It offers a glimpse of Montana's "fur trade" era with plenty of hands-on opportunities for visitors.

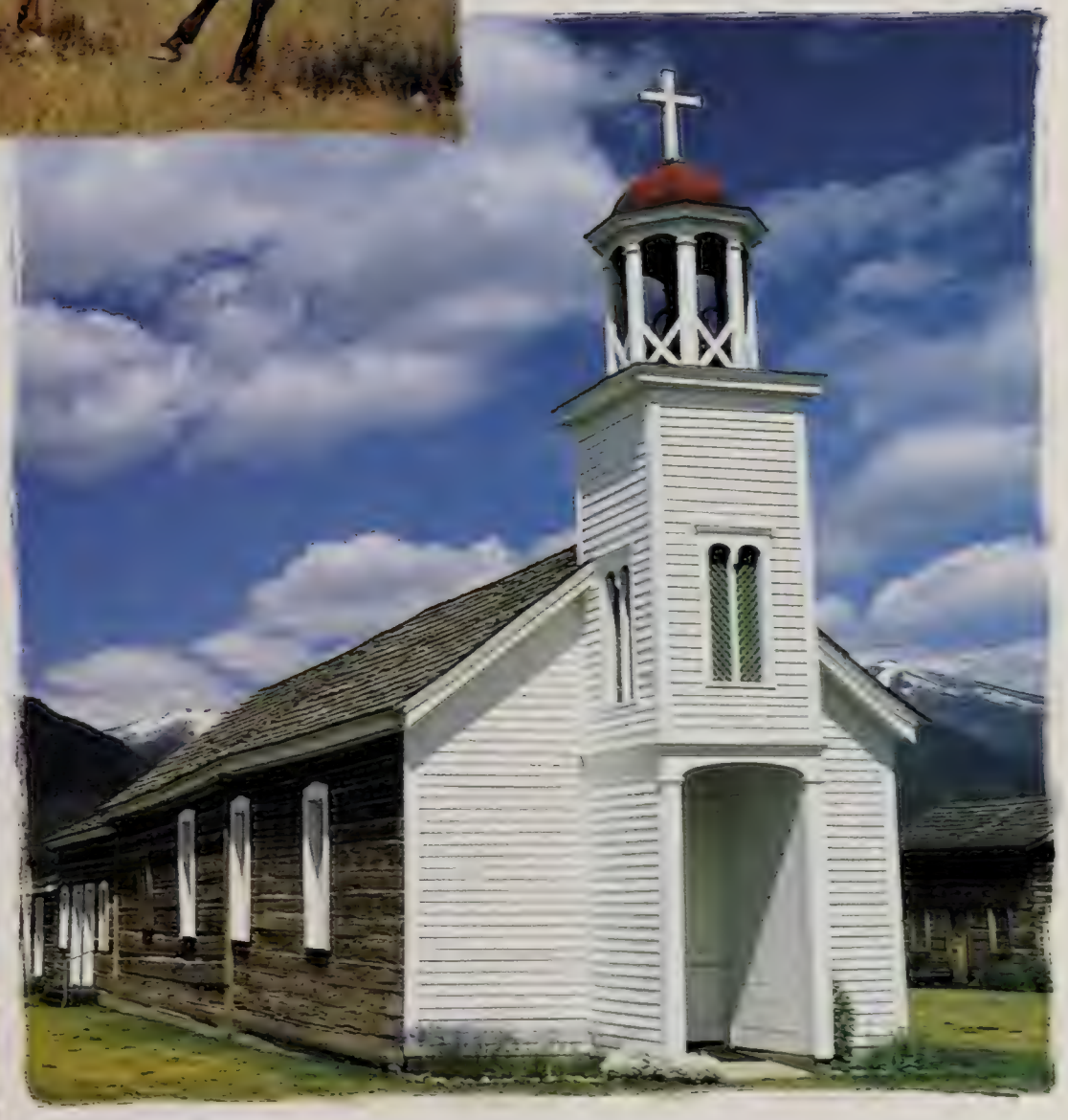
Following the trappers were the "black robes"—missionairies like Catholic Father Pierre DeSmet, who established numerous missions in the state (including the first, St. Mary's Mission at Stevensville). Then came the miners in search of gold.

Mining fueled much of Montana's early growth, and cities throughout the state still reflect that heritage today. Downtown Helena wraps around Last Chance Gulch, a mining camp built on gold and silver strikes. Red Lodge, originally a coal mining town, has many of its downtown buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Butte, famous for its rich copper stores, was the home of the "richest hill on earth."

"THERE'S GHOSTS IN THEM THAR HILLS"

You've heard the old cliché: "There's gold in them thar hills." Across Montana, "ghosts" have replaced some of that gold as past mining "boom towns" have become preserved "ghost towns." Among those to enjoy are:

- Bannack State Park, west of Dillon. Site of Montana's first major gold strike in 1862, and the state's first territorial capital.
- Elkhorn, northeast of Boulder. Elkhorn produced more than $14,000,000 in gold and silver.
- Garnet, southeast of Missoula. It began as the "Nancy Hanks" mine in 1862; today, snowmobilers and skiers can rent cabins.
- Castle, near White Sulphur Springs. At one time the home of Calamity Jane, this mining town once supported 80 homes, fourteen saloons and 14 brothels.
- Philipsburg. Though not a ghost town itself, Philipsburg is a must for ghost town lovers. Its Granite County Museum features the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. In addition, about 20 ghost towns are within 30 miles of Philipsburg, including Granite, Tower, Garnet, New Chicago and Georgetown.



Remnants of Montana's colorful mining heritage are found in the mansions of Butte's dueling "copper kings." Visit William Clark's Copper King Mansion in Butte and that of his rival, Marcus Daly, in Hamilton. The Conrad Mansion in Kalispell and the Moss Mansion in Billings also offer a glimpse into the lives of Montana's early residents.

Historical reenactments, such as the Battle of the Little Bighorn ("Custer's Last Stand"), bring you face-to-face with Montana history. History even meets culinary creations at the Charlie Russell Dinner Theater in Missoula each summer.

Speaking of Charlie Russell, the C.M. Russell Museum Complex in Great Falls has the world's most complete collection of his art. The Charles M. Bair Family Museum in Martinsdale also features western art, as well as an eclectic collection of art and crafts from around the world.

Montanans of today respect those who came before. They find great joy in sharing their stories with others at these wonderfully preserved historical sites.

AROUND

THESE PARTS, EVERY DAY CAN BE SOMETHING OF AN ADVENTURE.

Some people look forward to their vacations for rest and relaxation. Others don't have the words "rest" and "relaxation" in their vacation vocabularies. They want to test their mettle rock climbing, running whitewater rapids, mountain biking or casting for the discerning wild trout. If you're that kind of person, Montana is your kind of state. Public lands, including two national parks (Glacier and Yellowstone), provide a backdrop of diverse landscapes in which to explore.

Fish for wild trout in legendary rivers and streams: the Big Hole, Bighorn, Madison, Missouri and Yellowstone, just to name a few. Or, pull record-size walleye and lake trout from lakes and reservoirs such as Fort Peck, Lake Koocanusa and Bighorn Lake. Sauger, smallmouth bass, pike and even huge paddlefish call Montana waters home.

For whitewater enthusiasts, Montana has everything from Class I to Class VI whitewater, including famous stretches on rivers like the Clark Fork, Gallatin and Yellowstone. For other water-based adventure, how about boating, canoeing,

OPPOSITE: A MOUNTAIN BIKER FINDS A FLOWER-FILLED MEADOW (BOB ALLEN) • TOP: WHITEWATER RAFTING (D. SEXTON) • ABOVE LEFT: SAILING ON FLATHEAD LAKE (CARL WELLS) • ABOVE RIGHT: HITCHING A RIDE (DUSAN SMETANA)

kayaking, sailing, or windsurfing? Wherever you travel in Big Sky Country, you're never far from a scenic lake or river.

Not all vehicles in Montana have four wheels; the state is a haven for cycling enthusiasts. Maybe it has something to do with the hundreds of mountain bike trails on state lands, national forests and recreation areas. (Not that you have to go off-road to find a trail; cities such as Missoula and Great Falls have extensive urban trail networks.)

Of course, what could be more "Montana" than a horseback ride? You'll find plenty of outfitters ready to help you saddle up and head out on a scenic trail. Or, if you're about ready to climb the walls, we have endless mountains and rock climbing areas to explore. Whether it's a family day hike or an extended outing into rugged backcountry, you'll find it all in Big Sky Country.

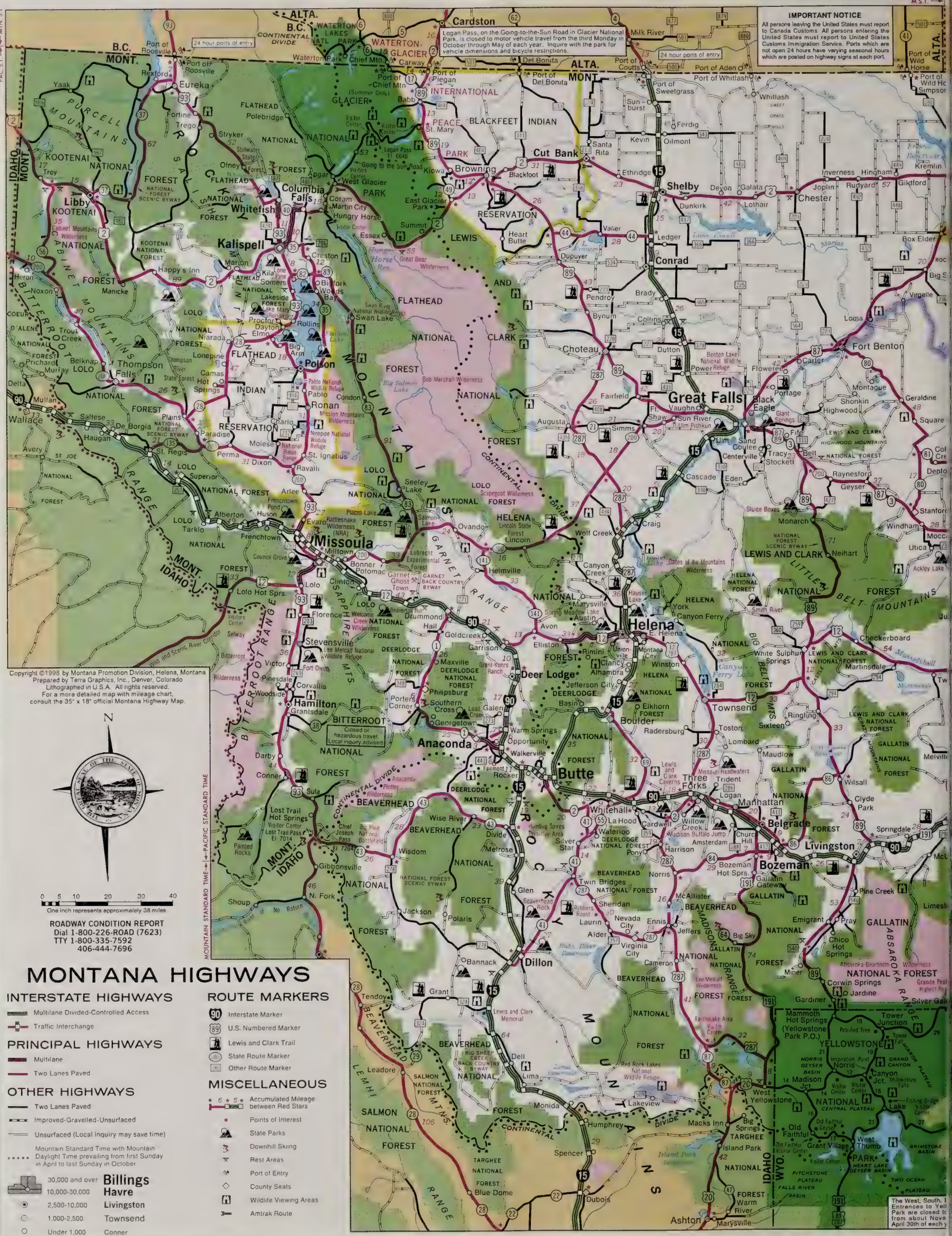
Here is the point: Montana has millions of acres filled with millions of possibilities for adventure. Pack your gear and head out for an adventure you can call your own.

ADRENALINE RUSHES

Here's a sampling of Montana's adrenaline-inducing events:

- Ice Breaker Road Race (April, Great Falls) - Named one of the top 100 road races in the nation.
- Whitewater Festival (May, Bigfork) - A celebration featuring a kayak rodeo and other forms of rapid transit.
- Fort Union Rendezvous (June, near Fairview) - A reunion for traders and trappers at the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.
- Madison Valley Cutting Horse Competition (July, Ennis) - Horses and their riders compete for money by cutting a cow from a herd.
- Fat Tire Frenzy (August, Red Lodge) - A NORBA mountain bike race in the Beartooths.
- Roundup Cattle Drive (August, Roundup) - Six days of covered wagons, tipi tents, chuckwagon meals and horseback riding.

TOP: WILDERNESS CAMPING (GLACIER WILDERNESS GUIDES/AL CLUCK) · ABOVE LEFT: HORSEBACK RIDING (VICTOR BJORNBERG)
ABOVE RIGHT: CANOEING THE MISSOURI RIVER (D. SEXTON) · OPPOSITE: A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE (R. VALENTINE ATKINSON)


IMPORTANT NOTICE
All persons leaving the United States must report to Canada Customs. All persons entering the United States must report to United States Customs Immigration Service. Ports which are not open 24 hours have varying seasonal hours which are posted on highway signs at each port.
Logan Pass, on the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, is closed to motor vehicle travel from the third Monday in October through May of each year. Inquire with the park for vehicle dimensions and bicycle restrictions.
24 hour ports of entry
Cardston
Milk River
Port of Coutts
Port of Del Bonita
Port of Aden
Port of Whitlash
Port of Sweetgrass
Port of Wild Horse
Port of Chief Mtn
Port of Piegan
Port of Roosville
Port of Eureka
Port of Rexford
Waterton Park
Carway
Babb
Del Bonita
Sweetgrass
Whitlash
Sunburst
Ferdig
Kevin
Oilmont
Santa Rita
Cut Bank
Ethridge
Blackfoot
Browning
Kiowa
Shelby
Dexon
Galata
Inverness
Hingham
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Dutton
Fort Benton
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Loma
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Fort Shaw
Sun River
Ulm Pishkun
Black Eagle
Giant Springs
Montague
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Square
Augusta
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Fairfield
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Dillon
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Alder
Virginia City
Ennis
Jeffers
Cameron
Big Sky
Norris
Twin Bridges
McAllister
Madison Buffalo Jump
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Willow Creek
Cardwell
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Whitehall
La Hood
Three Forks
Trident
Logan
Manhattan
Belgrade
Bozeman
Bozeman Hot Sprs.
Gallatin Gateway
Livingston
Springdale
Wilsall
Clyde Park
Pine Creek
Emigrant
Pray
Chico Hot Springs
Miner
Corwin Springs
Jardine
Gardiner
Mammoth Hot Springs (Yellowstone Park P.O.)
Tower Junction
Petrified Tree
Tower Fall
Norris
Canyon Jct.
Madison Jct.
West Yellowstone
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Lake
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Lewis and Clark Memorial
Big Hole National Battlefield
Beaverhead Rock
Ruby's Roost
Lee Metcalf Wilderness
Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
Granite Peak Highest Pt.
Silver Gate
Cooke City
Red Lodge
Roberts
Joliet
Fromberg
Bridger
Belfry
Edgar
Rockvale
Boyd
Park City
Laurel
Billings
Lockwood
Huntley
Worden
Ballantine
Pompeys Pillar
Custer
Hysham
Forsyth
Rosebud
Miles City
Broadus
Powder River
Ekalaka
Baker
Plevna
Jordan
Circle
Glendive
Wibaux
Beach
Sidney
Fairview
Crane
Savage
Culbertson
Scobey
Opheim
Flaxville
Whitetail
Plentywood
Westby
Medicine Lake
Antelope
Froid
Bainville
Poplar
Wolf Point
Oswego
Fort Peck
Glasgow
Nashua
Saco
Malta
Dodson
Harlem
Chinook
Havre
Big Sandy
Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
Hays
Lodge Grass
Crow Agency
Hardin
Pryor
Garryowen
Busby
Lame Deer
Ashland
Birney
Decker
Sheridan
Dayton
Ranchester
Big Horn
Wolf
Parkman
Story
Buffalo
Kaycee
Mayoworth
Barnum
Dietz
Arvada
Clearmont
Gillette
Wright
Moorcroft
Sundance
Hulett
Aladdin
Alzada
Camp Crook
Newell
Belle Fourche
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Bowman
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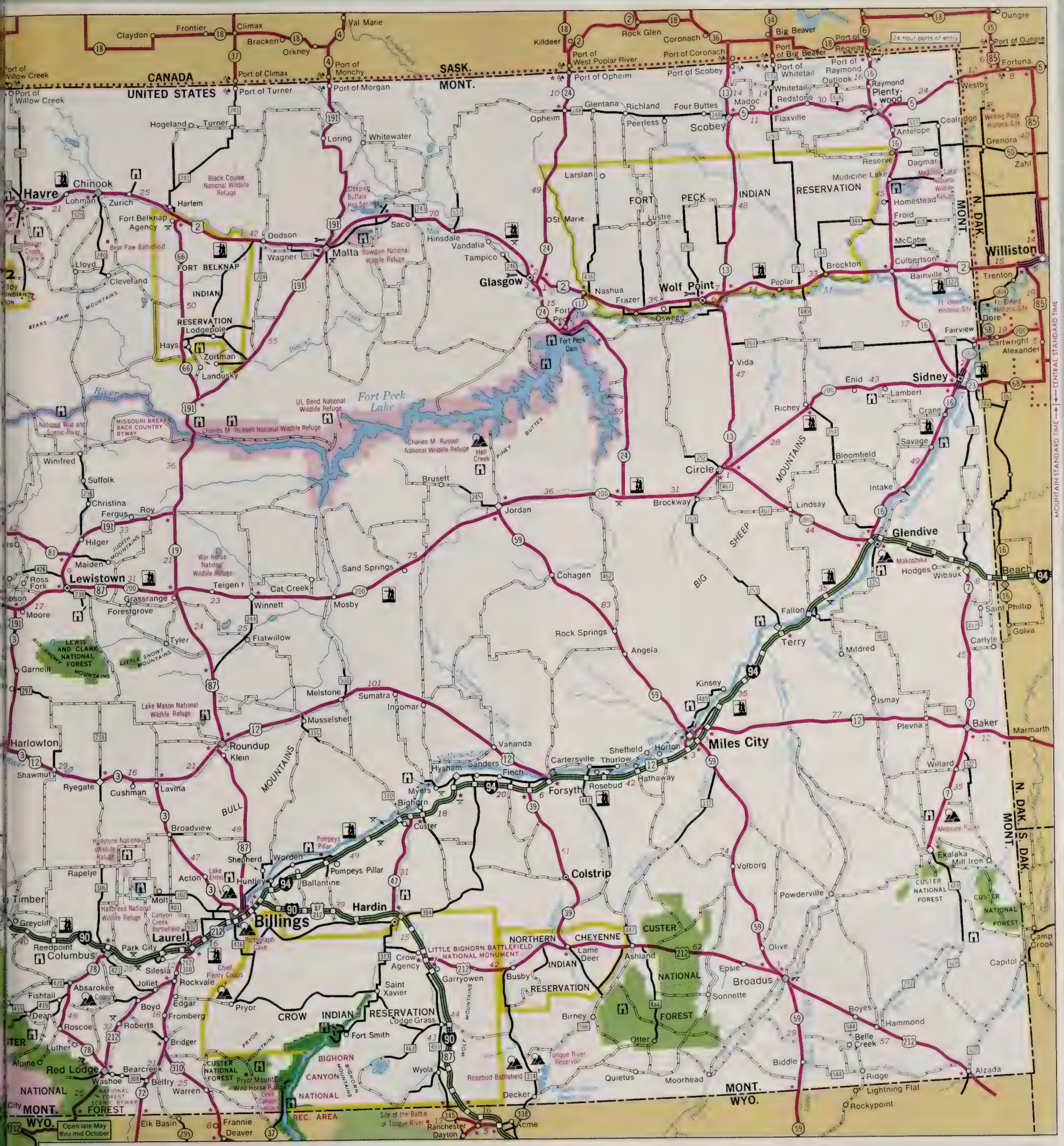

CITIES AND TOWNS (Partial List)

† Hospital • County Seats State Capital: Helena Population: 856,057 (1994 est.) Land Area: 145,392 sq. miles Total Area (land and water): 147,138 sq. miles

Absarokee	G-7	Biddle	G-11	Busby	C-3	Denton	D-6	•Forsyth †	E-10	Grassrange	D-8	Huntley	F-8	•Lewistown †	D-7	Milltown	D-2	Park City	G-7	•Roundup †	E-8	Stevensville	E-2	Westby	A-12
Alberton	D-2	Bigfork	B-2	•Butte †	F-4	Conner	B-5	Fort Belknap		•Great Falls †	C-5	Huson	D-2	•Libby †	B-1	•Missoula †	D-2	•Philipsburg †	E-3	Rudyard	B-6	Sula	F-2	West Glacier	B-2
Alzada	G-12	Bighorn	F-9	Bynum	C-4	•Conrad †	B-4	•Dillon †	B-8	•Hamilton †	E-2	•Hysham	E-9	Lima	H-4	Moccasin	D-6	Pinesdale	E-2	•Ryegate	E-7	Sunburst	A-4	W. Yellowstone	H-5
Amsterdam	F-5	Big Sandy †	B-6	Cameron	G-5	Cooke City	H-6	Dodson	C-6	Hammond	G-12	Ingomar	E-9	Lincoln	D-4	Moiese	D-2	Plains †	E-2	Saco	B-9	Sun River	C-5	Whitefish †	B-2
•Anaconda †	F-3	Big Sky	G-5	Canyon Ferry	E-5	Coram	B-2	Drummond	A-1	•Hardin †	F-9	Intake	D-12	•Livingston †	F-6	Monarch	D-5	•Plentywood †	A-12	Saint Ignatius	D-2	•Superior †	D-1	Whitehall	F-4
Apgar	B-2	•Big Timber	F-6	Capitol	G-12	Coravallis	B-4	Fort Peck	C-10	Harlem	B-8	Inverness	B-6	Lodge Grass	G-9	Monida	H-4	Plevna	E-12	Saint Mary	A-3	Swan Lake	C-2	•White Sulphur	
Arlee	D-2	•Billings †	F-8	Cascade	D-5	Corwin Springs	B-5	Fort Smith	G-9	•Harlowton †	E-7	Ismay	E-12	Lodgepole	D-9	Polebridge	A-2	Saint Regis	D-1	•Terry †	C-1	Three Forks	D-11	Springs †	E-5
Ashland	G-10	Birney	G-10	Charlo	B-3	•Chester †	B-3	Frenchtown	D-2	Harrison	F-4	Jardine	G-6	Logan	E-8	•Polson †	C-2	Saint Xavier	G-9	•Thompson Falls	C-12	•Townsend †	C-1	Whitewater	A-9
Augusta	C-4	Blackfoot	D-2	•Chinook	F-4	•Chouteau †	E-4	Froid	B-12	Haugan	C-1	Jefferson City	E-4	Lolo	B-10	Poplar †	B-11	Sartese	C-11	Troy	A-11	Trout Creek	E-5	Windham	D-6
Avon	E-4	Bonner	B-6	•Circle †	F-6	•Cut Bank †	F-12	Fromberg	B-7	Joliet	G-7	•Havre †	B-7	Lolo Hot Springs	D-6	Port of Morgan	A-9	Savage	B-5	Turner	C-12	Vaughn	A-1	Winifred	C-7
Babb	A-3	•Boulder	F-4	Clyde Park	G-6	Galen	E-3	Hays	B-10	Judith Gap	G-7	Lustre	D-10	Loma	G-4	Pryor	D-2	Seeley Lake	A-11	Troy	C-4	Victor	D-8	Winnett	D-8
Bainville	B-12	Box Elder	G-4	Gallatin Gateway	G-5	Heart Butte	E-7	Joliet	B-3	Judith Gap	E-3	Manhattan	E-7	Lustre	G-5	Ravalli	B-5	Turner	B-2	Seeley Lake	F-8	Twin Bridges	C-2	Victor	F-3
•Baker †	E-12	•Bozeman †	E-12	•Boulder	G-3	Gardiner	H-6	•Helena †	E-4	•Kalispell †	B-1	Kevin	B-2	McLeod	B-6	Ravalli	B-1	Raynesford	D-6	•Shelby †	G-4	Valier	B-4	•Wolf Point †	B-11
Bannack	G-3	Brady	A-1	Garrison	E-3	Heron	A-4	•Malta †	C-6	Kiowa	G-7	•Red Lodge †	A-1	Sheridan †	C-5	Whitehall	F-4								
Basin	E-4	Bridger	D-2	Georgetown	E-3	Highwood	B-3	Manhattan	B-6	Lambert	B-2	Rexford	C-11	•Sidney †	E-5	Windham	D-6								
Bearcreek	G-7	•Broadus	G-8	Coffee Creek	C-4	Geraldine	C-6	Hingham	C-12	Martinsdale	B-9	Lame Deer	A-10	Richey	B-7	Simms	E-1	Winnett	D-8						
Belfry	G-7	Broadview	F-8	Collins	C-12	•Glasgow †	B-10	Hinsdale	G-10	Marysville	D-6	Landusky	B-11	Rocky Boy	C-2	Somers	F-5	Wisdom	F-3						
Belgrade	F-5	Brockton	G-11	Colstrip	D-11	•Glendive †	D-12	Hobson	C-8	Medicine Lake	C-2	Laurel	A-12	Ronan †	G-7	Square Butte	B-3	•Wolf Point †	B-11						
Belknap	C-1	Browning	B-3	Columbia Falls	A-11	Glentana	A-10	Hot Springs	F-8	Melstone	B-2	Lavina	D-3	Roscoe	E-10	•Stanford	F-8	Worden	B-4						
Bell	D-5	Brusett	C-9	•Columbus †	E-2	Grant	G-3	Hungry Horse	E-7	•Miles City †	E-11	Pablo	C-2	Rosebud	D-6	Washoe	C-5	Yaak	A-1						
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LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

Retrace the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition through Montana. In just over 28 months—from May 1804 to September 1806—Meriwether Lewis and William Clark traveled more than 8,000 miles on foot, on horseback and by boat. More than a quarter of that distance was spent in Montana, where much of the land they explored remains unchanged. Follow them through Montana along portions of many state, U.S. and interstate highways, on the map to the right. Look for the Lewis and Clark Trail sign shown here.

Among the sites are: (1) The scenic White Cliffs of the Missouri River, accessible by river travel only. (2) Fort Benton. (3) Great Falls, with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center and Giant Springs Heritage State Park, where Clark discovered a huge "fountain or spring" during an 18-mile portage around the Great Falls of the Missouri. (4) The Gates of the Mountains, north of Helena on I-15, where the Missouri flows through a narrow passage flanked by what Lewis described as "the most remarkable clifts that we have yet seen." (5) Missouri Headwaters State Park near Three Forks, where the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers join to form the Missouri. (6) Beaverhead Rock State Monument, an important landmark north of Dillon on MT 41. (7) Lemhi Pass, west of Rt. 324 in southwestern Montana, where Lewis and Clark crossed the Continental Divide on their journey westward. (8) Travelers Rest, near the junction of US 12 and 93 south of Missoula, where the expedition split parties on the return trip east. (9) Lolo Hot Springs, on US 12 southwest of Missoula, where the expedition camped. (10) Lolo Pass Visitor Center, on US 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, which has an interpretive site. (11) Pompeys Pillar, off I-94 east of Billings, where Clark carved his signature in a large sandstone rock along the Yellowstone River.

Commercial boat tours retrace the river route of Lewis and Clark at the Gates of the Mountains (4), and in the scenic White Cliffs area of the Missouri River (1).

One of the best ways to learn more about the expedition is by traveling with one of the condensed versions of the

TOP: YELLOWSTONE RIVER NEAR POMPEYS PILLAR (GARY LEPPART) · ABOVE LEFT: LEWIS & CLARK FESTIVAL IN GREAT FALLS (D. SEXTON) · ABOVE RIGHT: GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS NEAR HELENA (VICTOR BJORNBERG)

Other sources of information are:

• Travel Montana, 800-VISIT MT or 406-444-2654 (interpretive map of the Lewis and Clark Trail published by the National Park Service)

• Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403 (information about the expedition's portage route around the Great Falls of the Missouri)

• Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, 406-727-8733, Great Falls, MT (exhibits detail encounters with the Plains Indians)

• Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, 406-454-1234, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403 (general information about the expedition)

• USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807 (information about the expedition in the Northern Rockies)

• Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107 (general information about the expedition)

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION
"at the distance of 4 miles further the road took us to the most distant fountain of the waters of the Mighty Missouri in surch of which we have spent so many toilsome days and wristless nights. thus far I had accomplished one of those great objects on which my mind has been unalterably fixed for many years. judge then of the pleasure I felt in allying my thirst with this pure and ice-cold water... here I halted a few minutes and rested myself."
LEWIS JOURNAL
August 12,1805

NEZ PERCE TRAIL

In the summer of 1877, five bands of Nez Perce Indians fled their homeland in Oregon and Idaho to escape war. For six months and 1,170 miles, 800 Nez Perce out-maneuvered the U.S. Army in nearly a dozen battles. Today, you can follow the Nez Perce or "Nee-me-poo" National Historic Trail through Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

You'll find many significant stops along the Nez Perce Trail in Montana. The Nez Perce entered Montana at **Lolo Pass** and easily bypassed a blockade at **"Fort Fizzle"** near Missoula. At **Big Hole National Battlefield** near Wisdom, Colonel Gibbon's forces launched a savage surprise attack on the sleeping camp, only to be turned back with heavy losses. At **Canyon Creek Battlefield** near Laurel, U.S. Army forces were again foiled in their attempt to capture the Nez Perce between the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers. The **Bear Paw Battlefield**, 16 miles south of Chinook, is the site of the Nez Perce surrender on October 5, 1877. Other sources of information are:

- USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807
- Big Hole National Battlefield, P.O. Box 237, Wisdom, MT 59761

TOP: LEMHI PASS (JOHN LAMBING) · ABOVE LEFT: BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD (HOLGER LEUE)

GLACIER COUNTRY

800-338-5072 OR 406-837-4211
http://glacier.com/glacier

It starts with the "crown of the continent"—Glacier National Park—and extends to Flathead Lake, largest freshwater lake in the West. Glacier Country is a splendid mix of public lands and private amenities. The Bob Marshall Wildlands Complex, alone, accounts for 1.5 million acres of federally protected wilderness. Add the Jewel Basin Hiking Area, the National Bison Range, the Flathead Wild & Scenic River, and you'll know why Glacier Country is a destination in itself. Western Montana's largest city is Missoula, home of the University of Montana. Several smaller cities and towns are anxious to show off attractions that range from historic churches and mansions to championship golf courses.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Glacier National Park (A-2), 888-7800
Set in a rugged section of the northern Rockies, Glacier National Park joins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada. Together they create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site—an ideal "two nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 52-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Maximum vehicle dimensions over Logan Pass are 21 feet long (including bumpers) and 8 feet wide (including mirrors). Oversize vehicles may be parked at various points. Rental cars are available at nearby towns; a shuttle service may be available, call the park for details. Glacier's gateway towns of East Glacier, West Glacier and St. Mary offer convenient stops for your car or yourself with food and lodging. Logan Pass normally opens mid-June and closes mid-October. Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Approximately 1,200 campsites are available to car campers on a first-come, first-served basis; backcountry permits are available. New reservation systems are available for Fish Creek and St. Mary Campgrounds at 1-800-365-CAMP. Park accommodations feature historic hotels and lodges. Facilities are open seasonally; the park and portions of Going-to-the-Sun Road are open year-round. For room reservations, call 602-207-6000. For shelter reservations at Granite Park Chalet (cook your own meals), call 387-5555. In addition to driving or hiking on your own, choose from several tour options. For historic jammer bus tours, call 226-9311 (summer); for boat tours, call 732-4480 or

TOP: ST. MARY LAKE, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (SALVATORE VASAPOLLI) ABOVE LEFT: BIKING ON THE BIG MOUNTAIN NEAR WHITEFISH (SCOTT SPIKER)

403-859-2362 (Waterton Lake only); for guided backpacking and hiking trips, call 800-521-7238 or 387-5555, and for American Indian interpretive tours, call 800-SUN-9220 or 226-9220 (summer).

The Glacier Institute
755-1211 or 888-5215 (summer only)
For travelers who seek a deeper understanding of the natural world, this educational organization offers a variety of field seminars and programs for adults and youth in and around Glacier National Park.

Flathead Lake (B, C-2)
Located between Kalispell and Polson, this is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi; renowned for its fishing. Boat tours include the diesel-powered *Far West* from Somers (857-3203), the 51-ft. racing sloop *Questa* from Bigfork (837-5569), two power boats from Pointer Scenic Cruises in Bigfork (837-5617) and the 41-ft. *Kwataqnuk* from Polson (883-2448 or 800-882-6363).

Flathead Lake State Park (B, C-2) 752-5501
Six scenic units bordering Flathead Lake. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units feature camping, fishing, boating, swimming. Fee.
Big Arm (west shore). Boat access to Wild Horse Island. Summer, 849-5255.
Finley Point (east shore). Conifer forest setting at south end of lake. Summer, 887-2715.
Wayfarers (east shore). North end of lake on MT 35, near resort town of Bigfork. Summer, 837-4196.
West Shore (near Lakeside). Rock formations provide excellent views. Summer, 844-3901.
Wild Horse Island. This 2,163-acre wilderness island is home to bighorn sheep, bald eagles, wild horses, prairie plant species and more. Day use only. Boat access from Big Arm. Summer, 849-5255.
Yellow Bay (east shore). Conifer forest setting on 15 acres; tents only. Summer, 752-5501.

National Bison Range (D-2), 644-2211
Established in 1908 to protect the American bison, about 400-500 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tours year-round. Visitor center. Fee when all drives are open, May to October.

Bob Marshall Wilderness (C-3)
758-5200 or 791-7700
Known as the flagship of the nation's wilderness fleet, the "Bob" is one of the largest and best-known wilderness areas in the country. Together with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildlands complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding and river floating. Roughly 1,800 miles of trails.

Jewel Basin Hiking Area (B-2), 755-5401
Located at the north end of the Swan Range between Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake, this specially designated hiking area covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows and wildflowers make this truly a jewel basin.

Flathead National Wild and Scenic River (A, B, C-2, 3), 755-5401
South, Middle and North forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful backcountry. Rafting, kayaking, fishing.

BIGFORK (B-2)
837-5888
Situated on the sheltered bay where the Swan River meets Flathead Lake, Bigfork brims with galleries, fine restaurants, specialty shops and an exceptional golf course. Our year-round village offers monthly family events and sports for all seasons, including hiking and fishing. **Bigfork Summer Playhouse** (837-4886) offers a variety of shows during summer months.

BROWNING (B-3)
338-7406
Headquarters for the Blackfeet Nation, Montana's largest Indian tribe, Browning lies at the east edge of Glacier National Park. Annual North American Indian Days in July and Heart Butte Indian Days in August. Watchable wildlife, campgrounds, fishing, boating, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, rodeos. Tipi village and reservation tours.

Museum of the Plains Indian, 338-2230
Comprehensive collection of artifacts from the tribes of the Northern Plains. Authentic Native American arts and crafts available at museum shop. Open daily, June 1-Oct. 1; otherwise, weekdays. Fee in summer months.

Scriver Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze, 338-5425
One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife art and taxidermy in a studio that features his own sculpture and the work of other artists. Open daily.

COLUMBIA FALLS (B-2)
892-2072
A stop in this gateway city to Glacier Park brings family fun and exploration. Enjoy championship golf in summer; cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling in winter. The city also boasts a popular waterslide and whitewater rafting.

CUT BANK (A-4)
873-4041
Cut Bank serves as a gateway to the Rocky Mountains and Glacier Park. Visitors enjoy a taste of history and the Old West at the **Glacier Historical Museum** (873-4904).

DARBY (C-2)
363-2400
Darby lies in the heart of the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. This prime recreation area claims **Painted Rocks State Park** (542-5500), **Alta Ranger Station**, the first USDA Forest Service ranger station, and **Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum** (821-4503).

DAYTON (C-2)
On the west shore of Flathead Lake, this is the perfect spot to embark for Wild Horse Island. Enjoy the outdoors at **Lake Mary Ronan State Park** (752-5501). Fee. Or sample the unique taste of Montana grapes at the **Mission Mountain Winery** (849-5524).

ESSEX (B-3)
Halfway between East and West Glacier, Essex is home to a historic inn that once housed winter snow removal crews for the Great Northern Railroad. Today it is a popular year-round stop for visitors, especially railroad buffs and cross-country skiers.

EUREKA (A-1)
Tucked away in Montana's forested northwest corner, this area offers some of the state's scenic treasures. **Ten Lakes Scenic Area** (882-4451) treats visitors to mountain drives, pristine lakes and abundant fishing. For area history, take in the **Tobacco Valley Historic Village**.

HAMILTON (E-2)
363-2400
Located in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley, Hamilton is Montana's gateway to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and a number of other recreational and historic attractions, including the **Ravalli County Museum** (363-3338), 205 Bedford. Fee.

Daly Mansion, 363-6004
Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths and 5 Italian marble fireplaces, the huge mansion presides over 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley. Tours daily, April 15-Oct. 15; off-season by appointment. Fee.

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (E, F-2)
363-7161
This 1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Bitterroot Range on Montana's western border with Idaho. Several canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Abundant wildlife. No motorized travel.

HAUGAN (C-1)
The **Savenac Historic USFS Nursery** (822-4233), located on I-90, Exit 16, is one of the oldest tree nurseries in the West. Established in 1907, it includes a visitor center, interpretive trail and a memorial to 78 firefighters lost in a 1910 fire. Open July-Labor Day.

HUNGRY HORSE/CORAM (B-2)
At the edge of the lake formed by **Hungry Horse Dam** (387-5241) and surrounded by spectacular mountains, this northwestern Montana town is a stone's throw from Glacier Park's West Entrance. Find family fun at several local amusements. The **North American Wildlife Museum** (387-4018) can be found nearby in the town of Coram.

KALISPELL (B-2)
758-2800
Founded in 1891, Kalispell is now a bustling small city and home to much history, culture, commercial activity and outdoor recreation. The city's natural beauty and pleasant lifestyle draw a wide variety of residents and tourists.
Get acquainted with the city on a walking tour of historic buildings and enjoy regional culture at the **Hockaday Center for the Arts** (755-5268), 302 2nd Ave. E., open Tues.-Sat.

ABOVE: MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN, BROWNING (D. SEXTON)

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GLACIER COUNTRY

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL—
Whitefish, 2nd weekend in February
An all-out celebration of winter with parades, food, dance and winter activities.

RACE TO THE SKY SLED DOG RACE—
Holland Lake, Seeley Lake, Missoula, mid-February
This 500-mile race is the longest in the lower 48 states. The race starts in Lincoln and ends in Missoula.

CHARLIE RUSSELL'S MONTANA OUTDOOR THEATRE—
Missoula, Wednesdays-Sundays, July-August
Historical drama in open outdoor theatre.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND POWWOW—Arlee, 1st week in July
Salish celebration attracts Native Americans from the U.S. and Canada. Features dance, song, stick games, cards, food, crafts and contests.

FLATHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL—
Flathead Valley, mid-July
Guest artists make a joyful noise throughout the valley with a variety of music in concerts and workshops.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS—
Browning, 2nd weekend in July
Blackfeet celebration that draws tribes from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Feasting, dancing, parades, contests.

LIBBY LOGGER DAYS—
Libby, 3rd weekend in July
This northwestern logging town celebrates its heritage with logging events, contests, food booths, parades and events for kids.

TRI-STATE BASS TOURNAMENT—
Trout Creek, last weekend in July
Team tournament at Noxon Reservoir; best weight out of two day limit.

RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR—
Hamilton, last weekend in August
All the good things an old-fashioned county fair should be. Food, entertainment, arts, crafts, vegetable and floral displays, 4-H animals and more.

NORDICFEST—
Libby, 2nd weekend in September
Scandinavian festival with food booths, craft show, entertainment and Fjord horse show.

For more information, contact:
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Missoula, MT 59806
800-338-5072 or 406-837-6211
Fax: 406-837-6231
http://visitmt.com/glacier

Conrad Mansion, 755-2166
Built in 1895 as the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the city of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance; 313 6th Ave. E. Fee. Seasonal.

Logan State Park
293-7190 (summer) or 752-5501
On north shore of Middle Thompson Lake, 45 miles west of town on US 2. Swimming, boating, camping. Fee.

Lone Pine State Park, 755-2706
Day use area on Foys Lake Rd., 5 miles southwest of town; scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, group picnic shelter, trails. Fee.

LAKESIDE (B-2)

The aptly named town of Lakeside is just that: a lakeside community on the west shores of Flathead Lake. It's also home to Montana's newest ski area: **Blacktail Mountain** (844-0999), a family-friendly ski area with 24 groomed runs opening in the winter of 1998.

LIBBY (B-1)

293-4167
Located deep in the timberlands of northwestern Montana, this logging community offers many recreational opportunities, including the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, the Kootenai National Forest, Kootenai River and Kootenai Falls. Explore area history at the **Heritage Museum** (293-7521). Seasonal.

Cabinet Mountains Wilderness (B-1)
293-6211
This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range south of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized travel.

Libby Dam, 293-5577
A 420-foot-high, multipurpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area.

LOLO (E-2)

An important junction in western history, Lolo is a gateway to the Bitterroot Valley. Visit the **Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center** (208-942-3113) on US 12 near the Idaho/Montana border to learn more about the historic Lolo Trail, used by the Nez Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition en route to the Pacific. Seasonal.

MISSOULA (D-2)

543-6623
Montana's cultural superstar and third-largest city, Missoula is home to The University of Montana. At the head of five scenic valleys and the junction of three great rivers, Missoula has no shortage of recreational opportunities. **Beavertail Hill State Park** (26 miles southeast) and **Frenchtown Pond State Park** (15 miles west) offer river and pond fishing. **Council Grove State Park** (10 miles west) preserves the site where the Hellgate Treaty was signed in1855, establishing the Flathead Indian Reservation. (All three parks, 542-5500.) Missoula is also home to the Montana Repertory Theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre, String Orchestra of the Rockies and Garden City Ballet. Kids love **A Carousel for Missoula** (549-8382) in Caras Park downtown. Explore western Montana history at the **Historical Museum at Fort Missoula** (728-3476) on South Ave. west of Reserve St. **Rocky Mountain Discovery Tours** (888-456-1128) offers daily tours of the city.

Art Museum of Missoula, 728-0447
Permanent collection of 19th to 20th-century northwest art; changing exhibitions. Fee. 335 N. Pattee.

Memorial Rose Garden
More than 2,500 rose bushes maintained as a memorial to the casualties of World War II and Montana's Vietnam veterans. This small city park on Brooks St. also features a 12-ft. bronze statue.

Museum of Fine Arts/Paxon Gallery
243-4970
Contemporary and historical visual arts on the University of Montana campus.

Ninemile Remount Depot, 626-5201
Take the Ninemile exit 25 miles west of town on I-90, and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station. From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and backcountry work projects throughout the northern Rockies. Visitor center open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Self-guiding tour.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, 523-4545 or 800-CALL-ELK
Missoula is home to this national wildlife group. Enjoy elk and natural history displays, wildlife theater, gift shop and art gallery at 2291 W. Broadway.

Smokejumper Visitor Center, 329-4934
Headquarters for the USDA Forest Service smokejumpers, 7 miles west of town on Old Hwy 10. Open Memorial Day-

TOP: RAFTING ON THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER (SCOTT SPIKER)

Labor Day. Off-season tours, for large groups only, by appointment.

Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride, 549-9777
This popular ski area is 12 miles northwest of town. Take a 22-minute ride to 7,000 feet, then hike to the summit and ride the chair back down. Fri., Sat. and Sun. in July and August. Fee.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 542-0321
Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings and stained glass. 420 W. Pine.

PABLO (C-2)

Headquarters for the **Flathead Indian Reservation** (675-2700), Pablo lies at the base of the Mission Mountains south of Flathead Lake. The reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian tribes and the **Salish-Kootenai Community College** (675-4800). Of special interest are the Ninepipes and Bison wildlife refuges, Arlee Powwow (early July) and Elmo Powwow (mid-July). Contact tribe for tours.

Sqélixʷ/Aq‡smakni-k' Cultural Center, "The People's Center," 675-0160
Native Ed-Venture Guided Heritage, Culture and History Tours. Bears, Bison and Birds Tour. Group and customized itineraries. Gift shop.

POLSON (C-2)

883-5969
Known for its mild climate and water recreation opportunities, Polson lies at the south end of Flathead Lake. For an overview of area history, visit the **Polson Historical Museum** (883-3049) on Main St. Seasonal.

Kerr Dam, 883-4450
Concrete arch-type dam is 204 ft. high, 54 ft. higher than Niagara Falls. Picnicking, whitewater rafting, fishing, vista overlook. Tours by appointment.

Miracle of America Museum and Historic Village, 883-6804
The largest collection of antique artifacts in western Montana, ranging from toys to tractors; also a pioneer village. south of Polson on US 93.

RONAN (C-2)

676-8300
Located in the scenic Mission Valley between Flathead Lake and Missoula, this small town offers a great community golf course and area history at the **Garden of the Rockies Museum** (676-5210). Seasonal. Located 6 miles south of Ronan is the new **Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana** (644-3435). Dedicated to the culture of the Flathead Reservation and early Montana, the museum features Old West art, weaponry displays, dioramas and a large collection of Native American beadwork. Open year-round. Nearby is the **Ninepipes Wildlife Refuge** (644-2211), with great opportunities for observing birds and waterfowl.

SEELEY LAKE (D-3)

677-2880
This popular recreation town is flanked by the peaks of the Mission and Swan mountain ranges. Excellent camping, boating, fishing, hiking and wildlife opportunities at **Placid Lake State Park** (542-5500), **Salmon Lake State Park** (542-5500) and three Forest Service campgrounds on Seeley lake (677-2233). Seasonal. Fee for all. The **Historic Seeley Lake Museum & Visitor Center** beckons visitors indoors to catch a glimpse of the valley's colorful past.

ST. IGNATIUS (D-2)

745-4884
Rich in history and native culture, this small town on the Flathead Indian Reservation offers beautiful views of the Mission Valley. You'll find Native American crafts and artifacts at the **Flathead Indian Museum and Trading Post** (745-2951) and Native American artifacts, antique toys and trains at the **Four Winds Historic Village and Trading Post** (745-4336), open year-round; call for tours in the off-season. Fee.

St. Ignatius Mission, 745-2768
A favorite of photographers because of its beautiful setting, this historic Catholic church features 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings.

ST. REGIS (D-1)

649-2290
One of Montana's six major gateway information centers; located on I-90 between Missoula and the Idaho border; open May 1-September 30.

STEVENSVILLE (E-2)

363-2400
Flanked by the Bitterroot and Sapphire mountains, this small, historic town in the Bitterroot Valley offers beautiful views, outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. For an overview of area history, visit the **Stevensville Museum** (777-3201 or 777-1007). Seasonal.

Fort Owen State Park, 542-5500
Built in 1850 by Major John Owen as a regional trade center, the adobe/log fort is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana.

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge 777-5552
This 2,800-acre refuge along the Bitterroot River provides habitat for nesting osprey and other birds and wildlife. Interpretive trails, picnic area; open year-round.

St. Mary's Mission, 777-5734
First Catholic mission in the northwest. Established by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841. Chapel/residence, log house/pharmacy, museum, cemetery. Tours April 15-October 15; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

SUPERIOR (D-1)

822-4891
Located on the St. Regis River west of Missoula, this small town offers a break from interstate travel and an introduction to area history in the **Mineral County Museum** (822-4626).

THOMPSON FALLS (C-1)

827-4930
Thompson Falls sits on the scenic Clark Fork River and is named after David Thompson, early explorer, fur trader and cartographer. Walk across the Gallatin St. Bridge to an island park to view the falls and enjoy the trail system. **Thompson Falls State Park** (752-5501) offers bird watching, fishing and boating on Noxon Reservoir. Other attractions include the **Historic Jail Museum** (827-3496), an excellent public golf course on the river, boat launches at Flatiron and Wild Goose Landing, and the Bighorn Sheep Viewing Station, east of town.

TROY (B-1)

295-1064
Visitors can walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high at the **Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area** (295-4693) south of this northwestern Montana town. The **Troy Museum and Visitors Center** is open in the summer.

VICTOR (E-2)

363-2400
Named for a Flathead Indian chief and nestled in the Bitterroot Valley, Victor offers endless recreational opportunities. Explore the **Victor Heritage Museum** (642-3997), housed in the railroad depot. Seasonal.

WHITEFISH (B-2)

862-3501
This five-star resort town is the perfect destination for visiting **Glacier Park**. Enjoy **Whitefish Lake** from City Beach, a sandy swimming beach in a public park setting, or try Montana's only 36-hole championship golf course. **The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort** (862-1900) offers summertime activities as well as world-class skiing. Award-winning restaurants, unique shops and art galleries and exciting nightlife make Whitefish popular year-round. **O'Shaughnessy Cultural Arts Center** (862-5371) offers a year-round calendar of theatre, music and dance. **Whitefish Lake State Park** (862-3991) offers a campground, boating, fishing and swimming.

The Big Mountain Gondola Ride, 862-1900
Ride to the top of the mountain for views of Glacier Park. Restaurant and interpretive center at the top. Hike the 5.6-mile Danny On Trail to the bottom, or choose any of three shorter hikes. Fee.

YAAK (A-1)

An Indian word meaning arrow, Yaak anchors Montana's northwest corner. The **Northwest Peaks Scenic Area** (295-4693), a popular hiking area, features spectacular mountain wilderness and scenery.

TOP LEFT: THE MISSOULA CAROUSEL (MARC HEFTY) · ABOVE: THE CONRAD MANSION IN KALISPELL (D. SEXTON)

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

Built on the sensational fortunes of the gold rush era, Montana's southwest corner boasts riches that range from state parks and blue-ribbon trout streams to museums and art galleries. From the restored gold camps of Bannack and Virginia City to the mansions, architecture and historic tours of its early mining cities, Gold West Country takes pride in its history. Other historic attractions include the Big Hole National Battlefield, site of an 1877 battle between the Nez Perce and the U.S. Cavalry, and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge, which preserves the headquarters of one of Montana's largest cattle ranching empires.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Virginia City, Nevada City (G-4)
800-648-7588 or 843-5555
Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the 1860s gold rush era, located on MT 287, between Butte and Yellowstone Park. The Virginia City Players offer 19th-century melodrama nightly in summer. View period buildings or try your luck at gold panning. Historical tours and accommodations available. Museums open May-Sept.

Big Hole National Battlefield (F-3), 689-3155
Site of the tragic engagement between the non-treaty bands of the Nez Perce and the 7th U.S. Infantry led by Col. John Gibbon on August 9 & 10, 1877. This battle was the turning point of the Nez Perce War of 1877. Today the National Park Service interprets and maintains the battlefield, which is open all year. Two self-guided trails, visitor center, museum, daily ranger programs (summer months). Fee in summer.

Bannack State Park (G-3), 834-3413
Site of Montana's first major gold strike in 1862, Bannack was also Montana's first territorial capital. Bannack is a moment frozen in time. A walking tour of this carefully preserved ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade, Montana's first jail and the Methodist Church, where early-day circuit rider "Brother Van" preached. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. Off MT 278, west of Dillon. Open year-round. Fee.

TOP: WADE LAKE (R. VALENTINE ATKINSON) · ABOVE LEFT: NEVADA CITY (D. SEXTON)

Garnet Ghost Town (D-3), 329-3914

Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well-preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in a turn-of-the-century gold camp. Located in the Garnet Range between I-90 and MT 200, Garnet is best reached from the north, off MT 200, or from I-90, west of Drummond. Winter access (Dec. 1-May 15) by snowmobiling or skiing only. Winter cabin rentals. Fee.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park (F-5) 287-3541

Montana's first and best-known park features the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Daily cave tours (May 1-Sept. 30), ranger talks. Campground with camping cabins, picnic area, hiking trails, concession, visitor center, group use area. Located between Cardwell and Three Forks on MT 2. Fee.

Pintler Scenic Route (E-3)

This highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes to the towns of Drummond, Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. Visit **St. Timothy's Chapel** for memorable views of the Georgetown Lake area. Take MT 1, off I-90, between Missoula and Deer Lodge, or between Butte and Deer Lodge.

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (H-4), 276-3536

One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan, this remote refuge is located on Centennial Valley Rd. (unpaved), between West Yellowstone and Monida. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, moose and antelope. Primitive area.

ALDER (G-4)

Once a shipping point for Virginia City ore, this town is home to **Robber's Roost**. Hold-up gangs used to hang out here during the early gold rush days when stagecoaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City.

ANACONDA (F-3)

563-2400

Founded in 1883, this small town owes its existence to Marcus Daly and the Anaconda Copper Company. Smelting operations were suspended in 1980, but **"The Stack"** remains an important landmark and state park. Visit the **Copper Village Museum and Arts Center** (563-2422) for area history and a copper smelter display, and the **Hearst Free Library** (563-6932), a classic 1889 period building

donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst. Self-guided walking and bus tours of historic Anaconda begin at the **Anaconda Visitor Center**, 306 E. Park. The 1.6-mile Upper Works Historic Trail affords an overview of Anaconda and the Old Works smelter site, now a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course. Enjoy the city's popular **Washoe Park** (563-3409), which includes state fish hatchery trout display ponds and recreational facilities for all ages. The **Warm Springs Wildlife Management Area** (693-7395), 7 miles northeast of town, offers interpretive trails, boating, fishing, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness (F-2, 3) 821-3201

This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide southwest of Anaconda. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off US 93, on the west side of the wilderness. No motorized travel.

Lost Creek State Park, 542-5500

Scenic recreation area north of town, off Rt. 273; handicapped accessible. Short trail to Lost Creek Falls offers views of limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 feet above the canyon floor, mountain goats and bighorn sheep. Camping, picnicking. Seasonal.

BOULDER (E-4)

This small community is home to the **Jefferson County Courthouse**, listed on the National Historic Register. Built in 1889, the building has a three-story entry and gargoyles perched on 24-inch-thick stone walls. Visit nearby **Elkhorn State Park** (444-4720) for excellent examples of frontier architecture. This ghost town stands as a reminder of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, picnicking. Seasonal.

BUTTE (F-4)

800-735-6814 or 723-3177

Once known as "the richest hill on earth," Butte is steeped in mining history. Copper, gold and silver were all found here, and Butte became a melting pot of ethnic diversity as immigrants flocked to the mines for employment. The **Anselmo Mine Yard** in uptown Butte is the best surviving example of surface support facilities that once served the mines; open seasonally. Free. The **Dumas Brothel**, built in 1890 as a "parlor house" on E. Mercury, served the miners. Closed in 1982, it is now open for tours. Butte is the home of Montana Tech of the University of Montana, which grew out of Butte's mining heritage. Its **Mineral Museum** (496-4414) displays 1,500 specimens, including a 27.5-oz. gold nugget. Free. Walking tour brochures and information on this historic city are available at the Butte Chamber of Commerce, 1000 George St. (Exit 126 off I-90). This is also the place to catch a tour of Butte on a replica of an early-day streetcar, **"Old No. 1."** June 1-Sept. 30. Fee.

Arts Chateau, 723-7600

Changing exhibitions of regional art are displayed in the elegant 1898 Victorian mansion of C.W. Clark, son of Copper King William A. Clark; 321 W. Broadway. Limited hours. Fee.

Berkeley Pit, 800-735-6814 or 723-3177

Until it closed in 1982, this was the nation's largest truck-operated, open pit copper mine. Enter from Continental Drive. Visitor center and viewing stand open seasonally. Free.

Copper King Mansion, 782-7580

Three-story, 34-room mansion of copper king/politician William A. Clark. Preserved as it was in the 1880s, this is the only privately owned mansion in the state accessible to the public. Furnished with lavish antiques; 219 W. Granite. Tours May 1-Sept. 30; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

Granite Mountain Mine Memorial, 723-3177

A mine disaster in 1917 killed 168 men, who are honored here. Turn right at the St. Lawrence Church, 1308 N. Main, and follow the signs. Free.

Historic Chinese Building, The Mai Wah 723-6731

Located in what was Chinatown, between Galena and Mercury in uptown Butte. Once a mercantile and noodle parlor, the building now houses exhibits to interpret Asian history in Butte. Open summer, Tues.-Sat. Fee.

Humbug Spires Primitive Area (F-3) 494-5059

Rock climbing, hiking and geological sightseeing among unusual limestone formations. South of Butte, off I-15.

Our Lady of the Rockies 800-800-LADY or 782-1221

90-foot statue atop the Continental Divide, east of Butte; 8,500 feet above sea level. Tours in summer (fee); gift shop at 434 N. Main.

St. Lawrence Church, 782-9220 or 782-2724

Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of $25,000. Hand-carved altars, some made of marble and brass; 40 frescoes. Open Fri. and Sun., 1308 N. Main. Summer. Free.

U.S. High Altitude Sports Center, 494-3406 (May-Sept.), 494-7570 (Oct.-April)

Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition. Located on Continental Drive.

World Museum of Mining, 723-7211

This 1899 mining camp covers 12 acres and includes 3 dozen structures located at the base of a real mine headframe on W. Park St. near Montana Tech campus. The Orphan Girl Express offers a train ride around the museum. Open daily 9-6, April 1-Oct. 31. Fee.

TOP: LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK (DENNIS J. CWIDAK) · ABOVE: [illegible]

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GOLD WEST COUNTRY

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL—
Anaconda, early February
Chocolate bonanza; plus tours of historic Washoe Theater, Chocolate Story Hour for children, window decorating contest.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS—
Butte, March 16-17
The Irish and would-be Irish come home to Butte for parade, concerts, Blarney Stone Run and other spirited events.

MONTANA TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL—
Helena, June
The 1920s come alive with hot jazz and red-hot mamas. Prohibition jazz resounds through the city for 5 nights and 4 days.

BUFFALO RUNNERS SHOOT—
Virginia City, end of June
Old West rifle competition. Spectators welcome to view this authentic frontier contest.

4TH OF JULY RODEO & PARADE—
Ennis, July
One of Montana's favorite rodeos; parade down Main Street.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH CELEBRATION—
Deer Lodge, 2nd weekend in July
The Old West comes alive with roping, branding, blacksmithing, special kids' programs and lots of demonstrations.

BANNACK DAYS—
Bannack, 3rd weekend in July
Return to Montana's Territorial Capital as it was a century ago, with stagecoach rides, soap-making demonstrations, music, dancing and more.

TWIN BRIDGES FLOATING FLOTILLAS AND FISH FANTASIES—
Twin Bridges, 3rd weekend in July
Fishing contests, wader races, fly casting contests, theatre, games and entertainment for all ages; floating parade on the Beaverhead River.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACCORDION CELEBRATION—
Philipsburg, 1st weekend in August
Annual event with jams, dancing, concerts, good food, good times.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY FAIR & DILLON JAYCEE RODEO—
Dillon, Labor Day weekend
"Montana's Biggest Weekend" features rodeo Sun. and Mon., plus barbecue, parade and big-name entertainment.

For more information, contact:
Gold West Country
1155 Main St.
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722
800-879-1159 or 406-846-1943
Fax: 406-846-1943
http://visitmt.com/goldwest

DEER LODGE (E-4)
846-2094
"Do time" in Deer Lodge, home of the historic Montana Prison. In fact, visitors will find plenty of history in Deer Lodge at one of many museums, including the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. A horse-drawn trolley takes visitors from Old Montana Prison to Grant-Kohrs Ranch with shuttle stops along the way. Friday-Monday. Seasonal. Recreational opportunities abound in the nearby Deerlodge National Forest.

Frontier Montana, 846-0026 or 846-3111
Western and saloon memorabilia collection, 1153 Main St. Seasonal. Fee.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
846-3388
Located on the northern outskirts of town, this historic treasure was headquarters for an 1800s cattle empire that grazed cattle in four states and Canada. See livestock, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection and more. Elegant ranch house can be seen on guided tour. Fee.

Montana Law Enforcement Museum
846-3111
Pay tribute to law enforcement officers at this museum, located in the historic prison. Seasonal. Fee.

Old Montana Prison, 846-3111
This castle-like stone structure at 1106 Main St. was the site of the first territorial prison in the western U.S. Vacated in November 1979, it is now a museum with guided and self-guided tours, open year-round. During summer, the "Old Prison Players" theater group offers a variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. Fee for both.

Powell County Museum
846-3294 or 846-3111
Area artifacts, local history, art gallery; located in the Old Prison Complex. Seasonal.

Towe Antique Ford Museum, 846-3111
Features more than 100 cars on a rotating basis. On display in 1998 will be '55, '56 and '57 Fords and Chevys, along with more than 75 antique and vintage cars. Open daily. Fee.

Yesterday's Playthings (A Toy Museum)
846-1480 or 846-3111
More than 1,000 dolls and toys that span a century. Old Prison Complex. Seasonal. Fee.

DILLON (G-4)
683-5511
This farm and ranch community claims the perfect mix of culture, history and recreation. **Western Montana College** (683-7011) features an art gallery and the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection. Summer theater, museums, unique architecture, recreation and historic sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail all make Dillon a fun-filled stop.

Beaverhead County Museum, 683-5027
Explore southwestern Montana history at this impressive local museum located at 15 S. Montana, near the visitor center. Indoor and outdoor displays, artifacts, photos and taxidermy. Downtown historic walking tour. Open March-Nov.

Beaverhead Rock State Park, 834-3413
In 1805, Shoshone Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this familiar landmark, which resembles a beaver's head. Located north of town on MT 41. Park undeveloped.

Clark Canyon Recreation Area (H-3)
683-6472
Excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. Marina on site, fee for marina use.

Clark's Lookout State Park, 834-3413
Location of an observation site used by William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on August 13, 1805. Located half a mile north of Dillon, just off MT 41.

Dillon Visitor Information Center, 683-5511
Statewide travel information center located in old railroad depot, 125 S. Montana, features historical diorama of "Lewis and Clark Expedition at the Beavershead." Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880.

ABOVE: GEORGETOWN LAKE, D. NEWTON

ENNIS (G-4)

682-4388

A good-time western town, Ennis is full of cowboys, anglers and outdoor recreationists. The western flavor is for real and there's plenty of action along the boardwalk daily. Visitors will find nearly 3 million acres of publicly accessible national forest lands surrounding Ennis as well as access to one of Montana's best-known trout streams, the Madison River. The **Ennis National Fish Hatchery** (682-7635) on Varney Rd. propagates six strains of rainbow trout that produce 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout the U.S.

Beartrap Canyon, 683-2337

Part of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, this area northeast of Ennis is popular for hiking, fishing and whitewater rafting on the Madison River. Trail Creek Access Picnic Area (located at the head of the canyon below Ennis Lake) was the first fishing and picnicking site along the Madison designed for disabled use.

Madison Canyon Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, 646-7369

On August 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake, an eerie reminder of nature's violence. Memorial Visitor Center is south of town on US 287. Seasonal.

HELENA (E-4)

800-7-HELENA or 442-4120

An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along Main St., still known as Last Chance Gulch. View historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. Self-guiding brochures available at the Helena Chamber, 225 Cruse Ave. or at the Visitor Center off I-15. Water sports abound in the Helena area, from **Spring Meadow Lake State Park** (449-4720) located on the city's western edge, to outlying **Hauser Lake State Park** (444-4720). Fee for both parks. Helena is situated midway on the Lewis and Clark Trail, making it a convenient spot to retrace portions of their journey.

Archie Bray Foundation, 443-3502

Ceramic artists from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture. Gallery, self-guided tour. 2915 Country Club Ave.

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area, 475-3310

This popular reservoir east of town provides excellent fishing, boating, sailing, camping and wildlife watching; 76 miles of shoreline. Bald eagle viewing in mid-November.

Gates of the Mountains, 458-5241

Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River canyon, route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Hiking, boating, history, wildlife. North of town off I-15. Seasonal. Fee.

Grandstreet Theater, 447-1574

Live theatre Thurs.-Sat. in historic brownstone building, 325 N. Park. Fee.

Holter Lake Recreation Area, 494-5059

Boating, fishing and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness, Beartooth Wildlife Management Area and Sleeping Giant Wilderness Study Area. Fee.

Holter Museum of Art, 442-6400

Changing exhibits of contemporary and historical art in attractive downtown museum, 12 E. Lawrence. Tues.-Fri., 11:30-5; Sat.-Sun., 12-5.

Kleffner Ranch, 227-6645

Visit one of Montana's most unique ranch properties—an octagonal stone house and three-story barn with 27,000 feet of floor space—both built in the late 1800s a few miles east of Helena. Historic lecture and tours by appointment. Fee.

Last Chance Tour Train, 442-1023

One-hour narrated tour of historic Helena begins at corner of 6th and Roberts, near State Capitol; mid-May to Sept. 30. Hourly. Fee.

Marysville

Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed on the National Register; northwest of town off Rt. 279.

Montana Historical Society, 444-2694

Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photography, changing exhibits, library, archives and museum store; 225 N. Roberts, near State Capitol.

Myrna Loy Center, 443-0287

Helena's showcase for national touring music, theatre and dance companies; festivals, conferences and films. Located in renovated county jail, 15 N. Ewing.

Original Governor's Mansion, 442-3115

Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours, Labor Day-Dec., Tues.-Sat. 304 N. Ewing.

Reeder's Alley, 449-2552

Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with shops, restaurant and visitor center. Representative of Helena's early mining era is the **Pioneer Cabin** (443-7641), located at the base of Reeder's Alley. Built in 1864, this historic cabin houses many original furnishings. Seasonal or by appointment. 200 S. Park.

Sapphires

Dig for sapphires and other gems or take home some "paydirt" to sift through at Spokane Bar Mine (227-8989) or Eldorado Bar (442-7960, ext. 034), both northeast of Helena.

St. Helena Cathedral, 442-5825

Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting. 530 N. Ewing. Open weekdays. Tours Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon.-Sat. at noon.

State Capitol, 444-4789

An imposing structure that reflects the Greek Renaissance style. Interior murals feature themes of Montana's past. Located at corner of 6th and Montana. Will be closed for renovation May-Dec., 1999. Alternative tours at the Montana Historical Society.

PHILIPSBURG (E-3)

859-3388

Granite remnants of this once-thriving 1890s silver boomtown and a renovated business district are on the National Historic Register. A popular recreation area, **Georgetown Lake** is 10 miles from Philipsburg and offers a beautiful mountain setting, fishing, boating and camping. Try some prospecting at **Sapphire Gallery** (800-525-0169) or visit the **Granite County Museum & Mine Exhibit** (859-3388), home of the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. Seasonal. Fee.

TOWNSEND (E-5)

266-4101

A small town with a big western feel. Stop by the **Broadwater County Museum** (266-5252) for the lowdown on area history; pick up maps at the Chamber of Commerce for self-guided tours through historic mining and scenic areas in the nearby Elkhorn and Big Belt mountains.

TWIN BRIDGES (G-4)

Sitting at the conjunction of the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Ruby and Jefferson rivers, Twin Bridges was founded by brothers M.H. and J.T. Lott in 1866. A year later, the brothers built bridges across the Beaverhead and Big Hole. The **Twin Bridges Museum** showcases western life with artifacts from Native Americans, miners and early settlers.

WISE RIVER (F-3)

Surrounded by a half-million acres of peaks, lakes and headwaters in the Pioneer Mountains, Wise River offers some of Montana's most breathtaking scenery. The **Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway** (683-3900) offers 40 miles of backcountry driving that bisect the Pioneer Mountains between MT 43 and Hwy 278. Enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill and a narrow-gauge railroad that served the mill. **Crystal Park** (683-3900) features public diggings for smokey, amethyst and clear quartz crystals. Summer/fall travel recommended; popular snowmobile area in winter.

TOP: OLD MONTANA PRISON, DEER LODGE (D. SEXTON) · ABOVE: DIGGING AT CRYSTAL PARK (D. SEXTON)

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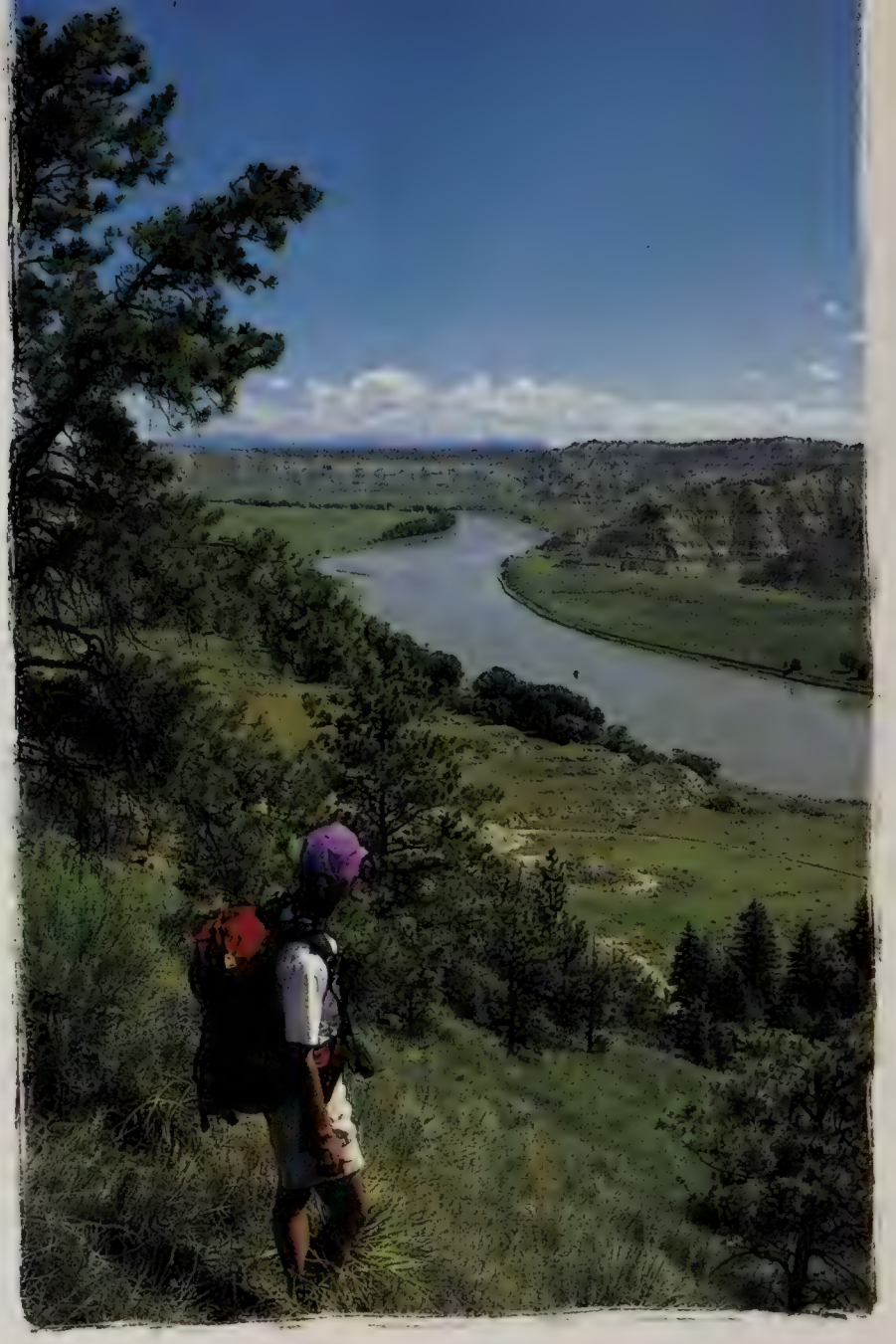
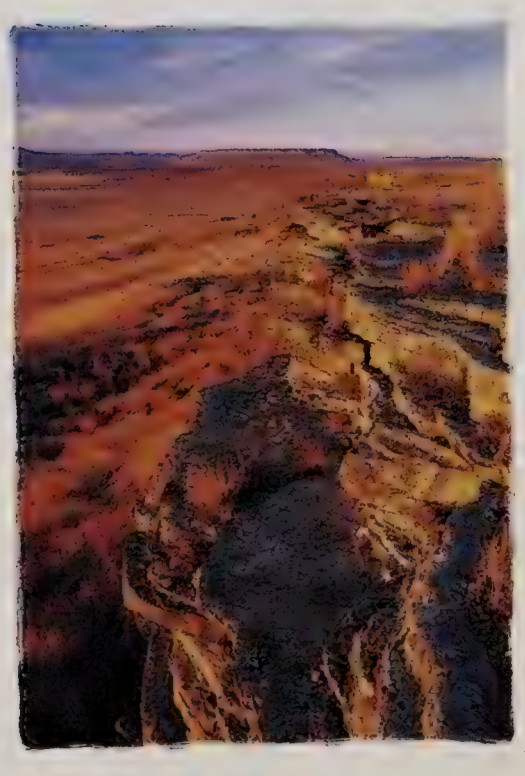


Montana's northcentral region is named for the cowboy artist who captured this vast and vivid landscape on canvas. Charlie Russell loved the West as he knew it at the turn of the century and mourned its loss as white civilization encroached. His adopted home was Great Falls, which has preserved the most complete collection of Russell art and memorabilia at the C.M. Russell Museum. Lewis and Clark explored this land via the original highway of the West, the Missouri River. Much of their route remains unchanged from the way it appeared to them in 1805–06, especially the stretch of river below Fort Benton that has been designated the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.



AREA ATTRACTIONS

Kings Hill National Scenic Byway (D, E-5, 6) 547-3361
This 71-mile scenic drive bisects the Little Belt Mountains between Jct. US 12/89 and Jct. US 87/89. Enjoy scenery, history and recreational opportunities, including hiking and fishing at **Sluice Boxes State Park** (454-5840), 5 miles south of Belt, off US 89.

Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway (C-7, 8), 538-7461
An 81-mile loop accessible from Winifred. Highlights include the Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce national historic trails, C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and a side trip to the free McClelland Ferry across the Missouri River, April-Oct. Byway open year-round, weather permitting. High-clearance vehicle recommended; roads impassable when wet.

Ulm Pishkun State Park, 454-5840
Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States. Visitor center explains role of bison to Native American tribes. Take Ulm exit, 10 miles south of Great Falls on I-15, then 4 miles northwest on county road.

Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (C-7), 538-7461
The Upper Missouri stretches 149 miles downriver from Fort Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. Highlights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter River, abandoned homesteads and abundant wildlife. Commercial boat tours, shuttle service and rentals at Fort Benton and

TOP: HIKING THE MISSOURI BREAKS (GEORGE WUERTHNER) • ABOVE LEFT: ULM PISHKUN STATE PARK (JOHN LAMBING)

Virgelle. BLM visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day (622-5185).

BELT (D-5)

Stop by the **Belt Museum** (277-3616) for a look at local history and art. Built in 1895, the museum is the former city jail. Seasonal.

CHESTER (B-5)

759-5415

Visitors find plenty of recreation in this northern town. **Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam** (456-3226), located on the Marias River, offer camping, boating and fishing opportunities. Explore the **Liberty County Museum** (759-5256) and the **Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery** (759-5652) for area history and culture. Seasonal.

CHINOOK (B-7)

357-2100 (summer) or 357-2248

A must-see while in Chinook is the **Bear Paw Battlefield**, 16 miles south of town on Hwy 240. One of Montana's three units of Nez Perce National Historic Park, it is the site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." Park ranger available by appointment (357-3130). Stop by the **Blaine County Museum** (357-2590) for more history, including Bear Paw Battlefield artifacts.

CHOTEAU (C-4)

466-5316

This friendly town along the Rocky Mountain Front features dinosaur digs, wildlife and scenery. Just west of town is the **Bob Marshall Wilderness** (466-5341) with access to 1.5 million acres of wildlands. **Pine Butte Swamp** (466-5526), also west of town, is a Nature Conservancy Preserve that protects a unique wetland along the Front. For a look at fossils, dinosaurs, Indian artifacts and history, stop at the **Old Trail Museum** (466-5332). Paleontology programs are available for adults and children.

FORT BELKNAP AGENCY (B-8)

353-2205

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, located between the Milk River and Little Rocky Mountains, is home to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes. Snake Butte, Mission Canyon, Bear Gulch and St. Paul's Mission. Watchable wildlife include a buffalo herd, deer, antelope, rare black-footed ferrets, migratory waterfowl and upland birds. Buffalo tours offered through the Fish & Game Dept. Annual events include Milk River Indian Days and Hays' famous all-Indian Rodeo, Powwow and Fair (both in July).

FORT BENTON (C-6)

622-3864

As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, this Missouri River town was the world's innermost port and the "toughest town in the West" from 1860 to 1887. Today it is the gateway for exploration of the Wild & Scenic Upper Missouri River. Visit the **Museum of the Upper Missouri** and the **Museum of the Northern Great Plains**, Montana's agricultural museum (both seasonal, 622-5316). Walk along the steamboat levee to relive Fort Benton's colorful frontier history. Visit the ruins of the old Fort, currently being restored, and the State of Montana's **Lewis and Clark Memorial**.

GERALDINE (C-6)

While in this small town, visit **Square Butte Natural Area** (538-7461). Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats and hawks.

GREAT FALLS (C-5)

761-4434

Great Falls is Montana's second-largest city, located on the Missouri River among the five falls that were both a magnificent spectacle and formidable barrier to early river travel. This area held great significance for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The explorers were forced to spend nearly a month portaging around the falls in June 1805. Great Falls was also the home of cowboy artist Charlie Russell (1864-1926) whose original home and log studio are now part of the C.M. Russell Museum Complex. For an overview of the city, stop at the **Great Falls Visitor Information Center** (771-0885) at Overlook Park on Upper River Rd. For narrated sightseeing tours, catch the **Great Falls Historic Trolley** (771-1100) at the Visitor Information Center (summer only) for a 2.5-hour tour of the city, or visit the local sights with **Tour de Great Falls** (771-1100). Fees for both. Soak up some local culture at the **Montana Cowboys Bar and Museum** (761-9299), 311 3rd St., N.W., or at **Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum** (452-6571), 10 miles east on US 87.

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge 727-7400

12,500-acre refuge with 5,000-acre marshy lake offering wildlife watching and photography. 12 miles north of town on Bootlegger Trail.

C.M. Russell Museum Complex, 727-8787

World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and personal objects, plus works by his contemporaries: Reiss, Seltzer, Wieghorst, Heikka, Sharp. Browning Firearms Collection. Museum, original log cabin studio and Russell home make this a must-see attraction. Fee. 400 13th St. N.

Giant Springs Heritage State Park, 454-5840

This lovely park preserves one of the largest natural, cold water springs in the world. Flow from the springs supports a state trout hatchery and also qualifies as the shortest river in the world, the Roe River. Visitor center, picnic sites, river drive and overlooks. Fee. Just off River Drive, northeast of town.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, 727-8733

The nation's newest Lewis and Clark interpretive site along the banks of the Missouri River overlooking Black Eagle Falls. Located midway along the Lewis and Clark Trail, the center focuses on relations between the Corps of Discovery and the many Indian tribes they encountered, and on the month-long portage around the five falls on the Missouri River near Great Falls. Theater featuring film by Ken Burns. Group rates available.

Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum, 731-2705

Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, historical military displays. East edge of town.

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, 727-8255

The Square, Great Falls' original high school, was built in 1895 and now houses the **Cascade County Historical Museum** (452-3462), plus art galleries, contemporary and historical exhibitions, a cafe and gift shop. 1400 1st Ave. N.

HARLOWTON (E-7)

632-4694

A convenient stop at the junction of US 12 and 191. Of special interest are the E-57B Electric Train Park and a pioneer bronze sculpture entitled "And They Called the Land Montana." The **Upper Musselshell Museum** (632-5519) includes a general store, Indian artifacts, pioneer home, *Avaceratops lammersi* dinosaur display. Chief Joseph Park, off US 12, features camping, scenic walkways, a fishing pond and playground.

HAVRE (B-7)

265-4383

Enjoy history and recreation in this northcentral town located between the Milk River and the Bears Paw Mountains. A 10,000-acre preserve—**Beaver Creek Park** (395-4565)—is the nation's largest county park, offering great fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking and scenic views. **Fresno Reservoir** offers similar opportunities, plus boating, 12 miles west of town. The **Havre Badlands**, 8 miles northwest, showcases unusual landscape and geological formations, fossil evidence and archaeological finds. In town, visit the **MSU-Northern College Collections** (265-3757) for its Indian artifacts and an understanding of the area's natural history. 300 W. 11th, Math-Science Bldg.

Fort Assiniboine, 265-4000

Largest military fort west of the Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Daily tours begin at H. Earl Clack Museum. May-Sept. Fee.

TOP: CHARLES M. BAIR FAMILY MUSEUM (COURTESY MUSEUM) · ABOVE: LITTLE ROCKIES EXPRESS DAN [illegible]

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN RUSSELL COUNTRY

C.M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION—
Great Falls, March
Features live auctions and viewing rooms, open to the public. Several other art shows are held in Great Falls at the same time.

GREAT FALLS INTERNATIONAL DIXIELAND JAZZ FESTIVAL—
Great Falls, 1st weekend in May
Variety of bands with rotating music schedules, umbrella parade, jazz workshops.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AND ART ON THE LEVEE—
Fort Benton, 4th weekend in June
Parade, concert, art show and fireworks.

LEWIS AND CLARK FESTIVAL—
Great Falls, 4th weekend in June
Living history encampment, float trips on the Missouri.

DINOSAUR DAYS—
Choteau, July
Open house at Old Trail Museum, tours of Egg Mountain and The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve, parade.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY—
Meagher County, July
Tours of The Castle in White Sulphur Springs, Bair Museum in Martinsdale, guest ranches and historic churches.

MARIAS FOUR COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—
Shelby, July
Toole, Glacier, Pondera and Liberty counties combine forces to stage this annual rodeo, with concerts and exhibits.

MONTANA STATE FAIR AND RODEO—
Great Falls, begins last Saturday in July
Eight days of concerts, rodeos and exhibits in Russell Country's largest city.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—
Lewistown, 3rd weekend in August
Three days of cowboy poetry, music, cowboy art and gear show.

HAVRE FESTIVAL DAYS—
Havre, mid-September
Parade, arts and crafts show, quilt show, doll show, concerts and powwow.

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Havre Beneath the Streets, 265-8888
Developed during construction of the Great Northern Railroad a century ago. Explore a hidden community that included the Wah Sing Laundry, Tamale Jim's, a bordello, opium den, bakery, mercantile and more. Tour available. Fee. 100 Third Ave.

H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, 265-4000
See exhibits, dioramas, collections of horse-drawn equipment and farm machinery, artifacts from the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Kill Site. Lecture/tour program. Fee. 306 3rd Ave.

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, 395-4282
Home of the Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains. Annual powwow first weekend in August.

Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site 265-6417 or 265-7550
Largest and best-preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours, summer evenings. Fee. US Hwy 2 West at Holiday Village Mall in Havre.

LEWISTOWN (D-7)
538-5436
Located at the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post. Self-guiding tour brochures available for areas listed on the National Register: Silk Stocking and Central Business districts, Courthouse Square, Judith Place and Stone Quarry. For area history and culture, visit the **Central Montana Museum** (538-5436) on E. Main and the **Lewistown Art Center** (538-8278) on 8th Ave. N. **Big Spring Trout Hatchery** (538-5588), south of town on Hwy 238, is the state's largest coldwater production station for several species of trout and kokanee salmon. Headquarters for the **C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706) is located on Airport Rd., and features an exhibition pasture of bison.

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo, 538-5436
Discover and enjoy the landscapes that inspired western artist Charles M. Russell during a 3.5-hour trip aboard a 1950s vintage dinner train. June-Sept. Fee.

Crystal Lake, 566-2292
Located in the Big Snowy Mountains, south of town, this area offers excellent hiking and camping, plus fossil and ice cave exploration.

James Kipp Recreation Area, 538-7461
Located within the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, north of town on US 191; access to Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake.

Judith Peak Recreation Area, 538-7461
Located in the Judith Mountains north of town; follow a gravel road to the summit for outstanding 100-mile views of surrounding mountains and prairies. Ghost towns of Maiden, Gilt Edge and Fort Maginnis nearby.

War Horse National Wildlife Refuge 538-8706
Three refuge units near Winnett offer opportunities for hunting, fishing and viewing waterfowl and other migratory birds.

LOMA (C-6)
This tiny community has two interesting museums. Visit the **Earth Science Museum** (739-4488) for a look at gems, minerals, fossils and Indian artifacts. The **House of a Thousand Dolls** (739-4338) displays dolls and toys from 1830 to present. Seasonal. Fee. Cross the Missouri River by ferry upriver at Carter or downriver at Virgelle; both ferries operate March-Oct. Fee after 7 p.m.

MARTINSDALE (E-6)
Home of the **Charles M. Bair Family Museum** (727-8787). Explore this treasure trove of European antiques, Indian artifacts and original art by C.M. Russell, Joseph Henry Sharp and others. The museum was the home of sheep rancher Charles Bair and his daughters, Marguerite and Alberta, who left it for the public to enjoy. Seasonal. Fee.

SHELBY (B-5)
434-7184
Shelby is located at the junction of US 2 and I-15, 35 miles south of the Canadian border. Visit the **Marias Museum of History and Art** (434-2551) for a look at area history, homesteading, a dinosaur collection and Dempsey-Gibbons fight memorabilia. Tours year-round. For outdoor recreation, visit **Lake Shel-oole** at Shelby's northern edge.

STANFORD/UTICA (D-6)
Enjoy area history at the **Judith Basin Museum** (566-2281 or 566-2974) and the **Utica Museum** (423-5208). Visit the famous White Wolf in downtown Stanford at the historic Basin Trading Post. Enjoy fishing and water sports at **Ackley Lake State Park** (454-5840). The **Judith River Wildlife Management Area** (454-5840) at the edge of the Little Belt Mountains is a good place to view large elk herds, late fall/winter.

VALIER (B-4)
This small town has a big lake, Lake Frances, that offers year-round recreation opportunities including ice-boating in winter.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (E-5)
547-3366
Full of western flavor, this town welcomes visitors to museums, history and recreation. Enjoy the mineralized hot springs for which the town was named at The Spa Hot Springs (547-3366). Fee. Visit **The Castle** (547-3666), an imposing mansion built in 1892 that now houses the Meagher County Museum. Seasonal. Fee. Weathered homes and outbuildings at the nearby **Ghost Town of Castle** are all that remain of the 1880s silver mining boom. Also in the area is the blockhouse at Fort Logan, a frontier military site northwest of town.

TOP: CHARLIE RUSSELL CHEW-CHOO (CHERIE NEUDICK)

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

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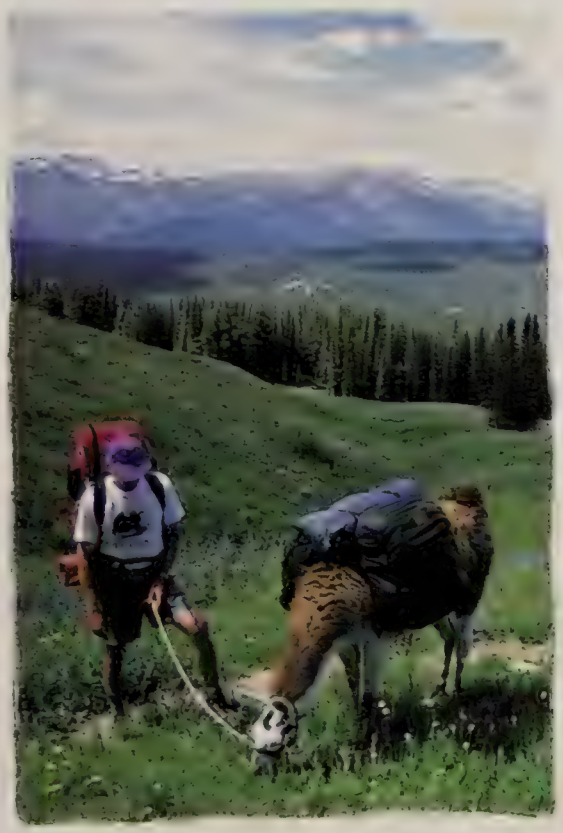
The world's first national park and the nation's longest free-flowing river give Montana's southcentral region its name. Wildlife, water and wilderness are central to the appeal of this magnificent country. Attractive cities and towns, like Bozeman, Livingston, Big Timber, Red Lodge and West Yellowstone add just the right touch of small-town pleasure and city sophistication. Three of Yellowstone National Park's five entrances are located in Yellowstone Country. And one is reached by one of America's most scenic drives, the Beartooth Highway. For the more adventuresome traveler, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness offers a heavenly playground for hikers, horseback riders and other non-motorized visitors.



AREA ATTRACTIONS

Yellowstone National Park (H-6), 307-344-7381
Enter the park from Gardiner on US 89, Cooke City/Silver Gate via the Beartooth Highway (US 212), or West Yellowstone at the junction of US 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its thermal features, including geysers, mud caldrons, canyons, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres. The park closes early Nov. to vehicles, reopens late Dec. to early March for Nordic skiers and snowmobilers, and opens again to vehicles in spring. Weather determines all opening/closing dates. Call for details. For lodging reservations as well as reservations for boat tours, horseback riding and chuckwagon dinners, call 307-344-7311. For a list of additional guided activities, including backpacking, canoeing and photography, call 307-344-2107.

Yellowstone Institute (H-6), 307-344-2294
Headquartered in Yellowstone's northeast corner, this non-profit field school offers close to 100 courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology and history.

Beartooth Highway (G-7)
446-1718 or 446-2103
Designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by the late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful road in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile, 3-hour drive offers skytop views of snowcapped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and plateaus. Seasonal.

TOP: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (D. SEXTON) · ABOVE LEFT: LLAMA TREK IN THE ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS [illegible]

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO—
West Yellowstone, 2nd weekend in March
A snowmobile exposition with vendors, equipment, power pulls and drag racing.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP—
Gardiner, mid-June
Annual rodeo, parade and community dance.

LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP—
Livingston, 1st week of July
Three-day rodeo and parade with lots of events and fireworks.

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR—
Bozeman, mid-July
4-H event, exhibits, food, carnival rides.

BIG SKY ARTS FESTIVAL—
Big Sky, 3rd week of July
Outdoor festival featuring music, food and art.

MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS—
Red Lodge, late July to early August
Authentic 1800s mountain man camp featuring goods, attire, black powder shoots, games and entertainment of the era.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS—
Red Lodge, early August
Nearly 50 years old, this week-long event celebrates the community's ethnic heritage with food, crafts, customs and dance.

MUSICIANS' RENDEZVOUS—
Columbus, 1st week in August
Acoustical event—a good time naturally. Impromptu jams. Both musicians and the public welcome.

BUFFALO DAYS—
Gardiner, Labor Day weekend (Saturday)
A community event with parade, street dance and buffalo barbecue.

RUNNING OF THE SHEEP—
Reedpoint, Labor Day weekend (Sunday)
One of Montana's smallest towns draws a big crowd for its annual sheep drive through the middle of town.

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Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (G-6)
446-2103 or 587-6920
Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 900 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge and Cooke City. No motorized travel.

ABSAROKEE (G-7)
322-4505
This scenic, small community is a gateway to fishing, hiking, camping and outdoor exploration along the Stillwater and Rosebud rivers and the nearby Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BIG SKY (G-5)
995-3000 or 800-943-4111
Home of **Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort** (995-5000 or 800-548-4486), this lively village is a year-round playground for outdoor recreationists. Golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, skiing and snowmobiling are all spoken here. Gondola rides offer spectacular views in the summer. Hiking is popular in the nearby **Lee Metcalf Spanish Peaks Wilderness** (587-6701). For an exquisite view of Lone Mountain, stop by **Soldier's Chapel** (995-4292), built in 1955 as a World War II memorial.

ABOVE: SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS PRODUCTION (STEVE WINSLOW STUDIOS)

BIG TIMBER (F-6)
932-5131
Located at the foot of the Crazy Mountains, Big Timber offers a broad range of activities in a beautiful setting. Explore the Boulder Valley, fish blue-ribbon trout streams and stop by the **Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery** (932-4434) for an appreciation of cutthroat trout. Visit museums, galleries, antique shops and historic sites, including **Crazy Mountain Antiques** (932-4353), **Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co.** (932-4454), **Sweetgrass and Sage Gallery** (932-5228) and the **Crazy Mountain Museum** (932-5126).

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park (F-7)
247-2940
Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community of burrowing rodents, 9 miles east of Big Timber, has been preserved. Interpretive signs. Fee.

Natural Bridge (G-6), 932-5131
Spectacular falls and river canyon along the Boulder River, 27 miles south of Big Timber on Rt. 298. Interpretive signs and trails. Fishing and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BOZEMAN (F-5)
586-5421 or 800-228-4224
Visitors will find a small town atmosphere with big city amenities in Bozeman. This town, beautifully situated at the base of the Bridger Range, blends spectacular recreation with art galleries, museums, symphony, opera, history and many one-of-a-kind western stores. Walk through the **Montana State University** campus and the **South Willson Historic District** (586-5421 or 800-228-4224), a residential area featuring houses that range from large mansions to small cottages. Visit the **Gallatin Pioneer Museum** (522-8122) for area history and artifacts.

American Computer Museum, 587-7545
World's second museum devoted entirely to the history of the computer. Designed for visitors of all ages and levels of computer experience. 234 E. Babcock.

Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 587-9265
Observe many varieties of fish. Native American program, national historic site on premises, picnic area. 4050 Bridger Canyon Rd.

Emerson Cultural Center, 587-9797
Historic building used for visual/performing arts. Visitors will find artists at work, conversational French, swing dancing, cartooning classes, rock concerts and civic forums all under one roof. Call for a schedule of events. 111 S. Grand.

Gallatin Canyon (F, G-5)
80-mile drive south of Bozeman (US 191) parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks and enters the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping and wildlife viewing along the route.

Hyalite Canyon, 587-6920
Disabled-accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnicking and camping areas. South on 19th Ave.

Museum of the Rockies, 994-2251
Take a walk through 4 billion years of Northern Rockies history at one of Montana's finest museums, located at the south edge of the MSU campus. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, a world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, Montana history, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Trail, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits and gift shop. Fee.

BRIDGER (G-8)
662-3728
Gateway to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Drive southeast on US 310 to Lovell, Wyoming, then north on Hwy 37 to reach **Devil Canyon Overlook** (307-548-2251). This scenic view of Bighorn Canyon is where the Bighorn River has cut the canyon 1,000 feet deep. The Pryor Mountains have been uplifted along fault lines immediately west of the canyon. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Visitors may catch a glimpse of them at the **Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range** (238-1540), north of the overlook. This rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding and backcountry driving.

COLUMBUS (G-7)

322-4505

This full-service community in the foothills of the Beartooths boasts the "most scenic route to Yellowstone Park," via MT 78 and US 212 over Beartooth Pass. Located at the confluence of the Stillwater and Yellowstone rivers, Columbus offers plenty of outdoor recreation. Columbus has fine shops and cafes, three beautiful city parks, public swimming pool, tennis, basketball and walking path. Free camping and picnicking by the Yellowstone River at **Itch-Ke-Pe**, on the Lewis and Clark Trail. Visit the **Museum of the Beartooths** (322-4588), located on 5th & 5th N. A great friendly town to discover.

COOKE CITY, COLTER PASS & SILVER GATE (H-6)

838-2495

With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities offer hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing, snowmobiling and more. Pink snow found only in a few places in the world and glaciers containing preserved grasshoppers are visible within hiking distance. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's North Entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Highway (US 212).

GARDINER (G-6)

848-7971

Gardiner is the only year-round, drive-in entrance to Yellowstone Park, making it a bustling town in any season. **Roosevelt Arch** has marked the North Entrance to Yellowstone since 1903, when President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated it before an estimated 5,000 spectators. The Yellowstone River cuts through town and offers fishermen and rafters unique experiences. **Jardine**, a nearby gold mining town, offers a bit of area history.

LIVINGSTON (F-6)

222-0850

The original gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Downtown Livingston, a designated historic district on the National Register, encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. With the Yellowstone River flowing through town, Livingston is anglers' heaven, providing excellent floating and fishing access. The **Firehouse 5 Playhouse** (222-1420) offers a night of live, community theatre.

Museums of Livingston

Depot Center. Located in a restored Northern Pacific Railroad station. Features railroad displays. 200 W. Park, May-Oct, 9-5, 222-2300

Park County Museum. Located in a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse. Highlights history of Park County. 118 W. Chinook, June-Aug., 1-9, 222-4184.

Sleeping Giant Wildlife Museum. View the most extensive collection of wildlife exhibits in the area. US 89 S, Sleeping Giant Trade Center. Open year-round, 222-6486

Natural History Exhibit Hall. Walk through an extraordinary exhibit of fossils, dinosaurs and ancient animals from China. 120 E. Park St., Tues.-Sun., 10-6, 222-5335

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Museum. Complete history of fly fishing, live aquariums, displays, art. 215 E. Lewis, open year-round, 222-9369

Paradise Valley Corridor (G-6)

52-mile scenic drive to Yellowstone National Park, bordered by the magnificent Absaroka Range and the Yellowstone, longest free-flowing river in the U.S. and one of America's finest trout streams. Camping, fishing, floating and whitewater rafting.

RED LODGE (G-7)

446-1718

This historic mining town has roots that reach back to the European homes of its diverse founders. Situated at the base of the Beartooth Mountains, Red Lodge is one of Montana's premier ski destinations in winter; in summer, it draws hikers, golfers, mountain bike enthusiasts, anglers, campers, sightseers and Yellowstone Park visitors via the nearby Beartooth Highway. Enjoy native North American animals and the children's petting zoo at the **Beartooth Nature Center** (446-1133), and take in the area's history at the **Peaks to Plains Museum** (446-3914), located at the corner of 8th and Broadway.

Cooney Reservoir State Park (G-7)

445-2326 or 247-2940 (winter)

Located west of Boyd, this popular reservoir offers good walleye and rainbow fishing, boating and camping. Fee.

Red Lodge Historic District

446-1718 or 446-3914 (summer)

Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1883 and 1910 during the coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during the 9-day Festival of Nations.

Smith Mine Disaster Site, 446-1718

In 1943, 74 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand.

THREE FORKS (F-5)

285-4880

Situated just off I-90, this small town offers big outdoor recreation opportunities. Nearby **Missouri Headwaters State Park** (994-4042) preserves the historic place where Lewis and Clark discovered the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers—headwaters of the Missouri. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing and floating are all found here. Fee. Southeast of town on Buffalo Jump Rd., **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park** (994-4042) vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used by Indians 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Fee. For area history, visit the **Headwaters Heritage Museum** on Main St. Seasonal.

WEST YELLOWSTONE (H-5)

646-7701

Known among winter recreationists as the "snowmobile capital of the world," this fun-filled town is Yellowstone Park's busiest gateway. A year-round outdoor recreation center where visitors can enjoy fly fishing, river rafting and cross-country skiing in addition to snowmobiling. Learn about the "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" at the **Museum of the Yellowstone** (646-7814). Seasonal. And for a night of comedy, variety and melodrama, take in a show at the **Playmill Theatre** (646-7757). Seasonal.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

646-7701

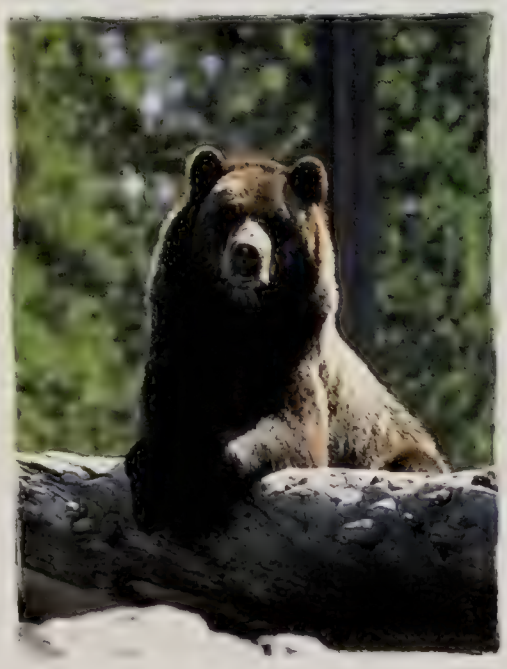
Statewide travel information, right outside the West Entrance to Yellowstone Park. Open year-round.

Grizzly Discovery Center-A Bear and Wolf Preserve, 646-7001 or 800-257-2570

Educational facility devoted to the preservation of these threatened animals. Fee. Adjacent to West Entrance of Yellowstone Park. Open year-round.

National Geographic Theater, 646-4100

Experience the history, wildlife, geothermal activity and grandeur of America's first national park through the theatre presentation of "Yellowstone." Fee. Adjacent to West Entrance of Yellowstone Park. Open year-round.



MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

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Everything about Missouri River Country is big. During peak migration periods, millions of waterfowl fill the sky above the many lakes and reservoirs that dot Montana's northeast corner. Giant Fort Peck Lake has 1,500 miles of shoreline, and the C. M. Russell Wildlife Refuge sprawls across a million acres of prairie wilderness. This area is as rich in history as it is in wildlife. The West's fur trade era has been preserved at Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, and the romance of the Old West lives on in the Little Rocky Mountains, a favorite hangout of Butch Cassidy and Kid Curry.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Fort Peck Dam and Lake (C-10), 526-3431
One of the world's largest dams, Fort Peck Dam impounds the Missouri River to form a giant lake. Built in 1934-40, the dam employed roughly 10,000 workers during the height of the Great Depression. Today, the area offers boating, fishing, camping, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. Powerhouse tours daily in summer. Museum open year-round.

Charles M. Russell and the UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges (C-8, 9, 10), 538-8706
These wildlife-rich refuges consist of prairies, pines, breaks and badlands, and encompass a million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Reservoir. Together, the refuges boast the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Recreational opportunities include boating, fishing, camping and hunting. Excellent viewing opportunities exist for elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, raptors and waterfowl. A two-hour, 20-mile auto tour of the C.M Russell Refuge begins and ends on US 191 north of the river and, in season, may offer views of the elk herd. Consult weather conditions before traveling to the refuges as roads may be impassable.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site (B-12), 701-572-9083
The upper Missouri River's preeminent fur trading post from 1828 to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of fur traders, Plains Indian tribes, riverboaters and frontier capitalists. The Bourgeois House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center. Fort Union straddles the Montana-North Dakota border southeast of Culbertson. Open daily.

ON THE DUSTY TRAIL (VICTOR BJORNBERG) · ABOVE LEFT: HELLS CREEK STATE PARK (RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ)

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge (B-12), 789-2305
This important refuge is home to the largest white pelican colony in Montana, with more than 10,000 nesting birds, and supports spring and fall migrations that bring thousands of waterfowl. Other seasonal visitors include sandhill cranes and an occasional whooping crane. The refuge encompasses a small prairie wilderness and an 8,000-acre lake. Open year-round for walking tours; seasonal self-guided auto tour.

BAINVILLE (B-12)
Visitors to this eastern Montana town enjoy the **Bainville Historical Association Museum** (769-3102), which features a pioneer bedroom, kitchen, music room, old jail and 1929 fire truck.

CIRCLE (C-11)
485-2414
Located in the heart of the prairie, Circle's **McCone County Museum** (485-2414) interprets the development of this vast country plus Indian artifacts, fossils and a large taxidermy room. Fee.

CULBERTSON (B-12)
787-5821
Culbertson greets travelers at the **Culbertson Museum and Visitor Center** (787-6320). Museum features nine historical rooms. Seasonal.

FAIRVIEW (C-12)
747-5259
Just north of Fairview is Fort Union, one of the nation's premier frontier trading posts. Visitors will also find **Fort Buford**, a military fort, and historic **Snowden** and **Fairview bridges**, the last two dual transportation (autos/trains) lift bridges left in the country.

FORT PECK (C-10)
Best known as the home of Fort Peck Dam, this small town offers big recreation and entertainment opportunities. A scenic overlook just east of the dam on MT 24 offers views of Fort Peck Lake and interpretation of Lewis and Clark's journey through northeast Montana. **Fort Peck Theatre** (228-9219) offers summer musicals and drama. The **Powerhouse Museum** (526-3431) has an impressive display of fossils.

GLASGOW (B-10)
228-2222
Besides unlimited recreation at nearby Fort Peck Lake and the **Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Glasgow is rich in Hi-Line history. Visit the **Pioneer Museum** (228-8692) for its fossils and Indian artifacts, plus railroad, early business, aviation and wildlife collections. Seasonal.

JORDAN (D-10)
557-6158
Also near the **Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Jordan offers plenty of outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. The **Hell Creek Recreation Area** (232-0900) provides access to Fort Peck Lake and excellent water sports opportunities. Visitors can glimpse area history and fossil exhibits at the **Garfield County Museum** (557-2517). Seasonal.

MALTA (B-8)
800-704-1776 or 654-1776
Home of ranchers, abundant wildlife and unlimited outdoor recreation, Malta is a friendly stop along US 2, known in Montana as the Hi-Line. Visit the **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** (654-2863) for opportunities to view more than 260 bird species, deer, antelope and upland game. **Nelson Reservoir** (654-1776) boasts excellent walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports and abundant waterfowl. For area history and dinosaur exhibits, visit the **Phillips County Historical Museum** (654-1037). Seasonal and by appointment.

PLENTYWOOD (A-12)
765-1607 or 765-1320
Just south of a 24-hour Canadian border station, Plentywood is a major gateway to Montana. This lively, small town features exotic animal farm tours and a hot air balloon rally in June. The **Sheridan County Museum** (765-2219) features the state's longest interior mural, depicting the history of the county. Seasonal.

POPLAR (B-11)
768-3916
Located on the **Fort Peck Indian Reservation** (768-5155), Poplar offers plenty of Indian culture. The reservation is home to the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. The **Poplar Museum** and **Tribal Museum** (768-5155) feature tribal history and artifacts. Seasonal. There are many tribal celebrations throughout the year, including the Iron Ring Celebration and Poplar Indian Days.

SACO (B-9)
527-3361
Chet Huntley, late news commentator, began his education at **Huntley School** (527-3312), now a restored one-room building.

SCOBEY (A-11)
487-5502
Located in the heart of grain and cattle country, Scobey is the home of the **Pioneer Town and Museum** (487-5965), largest homestead museum in the Northwest. Seasonal.

SIDNEY (C-12)
482-1916
Visitors will enjoy the **MonDak Heritage Center** (482-3500), which features extensive exhibits of area history, art exhibits and a research library. Closed January. Fee.

WOLF POINT (B-11)
653-2012
A small community on the edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation where Wolf Point visitors can make an appointment to see the nearby **John Deere Tractor Collection and Museum** (392-5224), or enjoy area history at the **Wolf Point Area Historical Society and Museum** (653-1912). Seasonal.

ZORTMAN (C-8)
654-1776
This historic mining town, nestled in the **Little Rocky Mountains**, offers a good base for camping, hiking, gold panning and trail rides. The Little Rockies, named by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in May 1805, are rich in history. Gold mining arrived in 1884 and still exists today. Kid Curry and the Wild Bunch homesteaded in the Little Rockies and have left graves behind with stories to tell. Campgrounds available in both Zortman and Landusky, with traveler services in Zortman.

ABOVE PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM, MALTA

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

RED BOTTOM POWWOW—
Frazer, 3rd week in June
Historic Assiniboine celebration and powwow.

PIONEER DAYS & DIRTY SHAME SHOW—
Scobey, last weekend in June
Pioneer celebration that includes the Dirty Shame Show with dancers and Dixieland band.

GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT—
Glasgow, 2nd weekend in July
Hundreds of fishermen from the Midwest and Canada test their skills on Fort Peck Lake.

SUNRISE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS—
Sidney, 2nd Saturday in July
Outdoor event with the best of arts, crafts, entertainment and concessions. Evening ends with Shakespeare in the Parks; everything free to public.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE, 75TH JUBILEE—
Wolf Point, 2nd weekend in July
Originally an Indian celebration and exhibition of riding feats. Now in its 75th year, this is the oldest and longest running PRCA rodeo in Montana. Don't miss the Wild Horse Race.

SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR—
Plentywood, 3rd weekend in July
Rodeo, night show and 4-H exhibits.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO—
Sidney, 1st week in August
Rodeo, exhibits and activities.

OIL DISCOVERY CELEBRATION AND POWWOW—
Poplar, 4th weekend in August
Traditional powwow and Indian celebration.

ANNUAL MILK RIVER WAGON TRAIN—
Malta, 1st week in September
Parade, festivities and wagon train ride.

SADDLE CLUB WAGON TRAIN—
Culbertson, Labor Day weekend
Covered wagon and horseback rides through Montana foothills. Prairie dance and food.

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CUSTER COUNTRY

History is the link that unites Montana's sprawling southeast corner. From prehistoric fossil beds and pictograph drawings to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Custer Country stakes a sizeable claim on the history of the American West. The Little Bighorn National Monument near Hardin marks the spot where Lt. Col. George Custer was overwhelmed by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Pompeys Pillar preserves graffiti from Lewis and Clark's famed "Corps of Discovery." One of the rivers they traveled—the Yellowstone—still flows freely through Custer Country, and another great river—the Bighorn—flows out of beautiful Bighorn Canyon. Bighorn Lake and Tongue River Reservoir are popular fisheries.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (G-8), 666-2412
Stunning canyon scenery, hiking trails, interpretive programs, boating, fishing and camping make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites; located on Hwy 313 south of Hardin. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier, year-round trout streams. Accommodations and services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin and Lovell, Wyoming. **Yellowtail Visitor Center** (666-3234, summer or 666-2412). Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Rangers present programs about the Bighorn Canyon area; call for details.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (G-9), 638-2621
This site memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. On June 25-26, 1876, 263 soldiers and personnel of the 7th Cavalry were killed by an overwhelming number of Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, Custer National Cemetery, 7th Cavalry Memorial and Reno-Benteen Battlefield. Guided summer tours, interpretive programs and films. Fifteen miles south of Hardin on I-90. Fee.

TOP: THE ANNUAL 1876 GRAND BALL IN HARDIN (D. SEXTON) · ABOVE LEFT: POMPEYS PILLAR (D. SEXTON)

Montana Agates (F-9 to C-12)
The lower Yellowstone River, between Custer and Sidney, is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its banks. Sometimes called plume or moss agates, Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stones' interiors. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers and fossils are also common in the area.

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark 238-1540
Captain William Clark carved his name on this sandstone butte in 1806, the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Interpretive tours, visitor center. Located 28 miles east of Billings off I-94, along the Yellowstone River. Seasonal.

ASHLAND AND LAME DEER (G-10)

These two small communities are the population centers of the **Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation** (477-8844). Of special interest in the Ashland area are a historical buffalo jump, burial sites of Indian chiefs, Custer's last camp before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the Cheyenne Indian Museum, Ten Bears Gallery, St. Labre Indian School and the Ashland Powwow. Lame Deer is tribal headquarters and home of the Northern Cheyenne Powwow.

BAKER (E-12)

778-2266
The friendly oil and gas production capital on Montana's border. Vintage clothing and equipment plus the world's largest steer at the **O'Fallon Museum** (778-3265). Cool off in Baker Lake, fish, boat or waterski. Picnic and horseshoes in the park. Free camper hook-ups available.

BILLINGS (F-8)

800-735-2635 or 245-4111
Montana's largest city, Billings is a regional business hub as well as a cultural, medical, educational and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters and shopping are all part of the appeal of this vibrant city. Billings is home to Montana State University-Billings and Rocky Mountain College. Bordered on the north by distinctive rock formations known as rimrocks, Billings is a gateway to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Historic tours of Billings and Pompeys Pillar offered by Billings Trolley Tours (254-7180).

Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument 800-735-2635 or 252-4016
Easily spotted by the heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the "Drive of '89," Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings. Visitor Center has information on all area attractions. On S. 27th, near the I-90 interchange.

Alberta Bair Theater, 256-6052
Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. More than 100 events are scheduled annually. 2801 3rd Ave. N., downtown.

Billings Studio Theatre, 248-1141
Live theatre ranging from Shakespeare to the most contemporary works. 1500 Rimrock Rd.

Black Otter Trail and Boothill Cemetery 252-4016
Drive this scenic trail atop the rimrocks and visit the gravesite of famous frontier scout, Yellowstone Kelly. Based on his

wish, the site where he is buried provides a view of five mountain ranges. Nearby Boothill Cemetery is the resting place of H. M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman.

J.K. Ralston Studio & Gallery, 254-0959
Famed Billings artist J.K. Ralston put the West on canvas in this rustic cabin, restored and moved to the campus of Rocky Mountain College. Adjacent gallery features J.K. Ralston originals. Open weekends, Memorial Day-Labor Day. 1426 Rimrock Rd.

Lake Elmo State Park 254-1310 (summer) 247-2940 (winter)
This 64-acre lake in Billings Heights is popular for swimming, boardsailing and fishing. Fee.

Metra Park, 256-2400 or 800-366-8538
This modern facility and fairgrounds offers live concerts, rodeos, horse racing, Montana Fair (the state's largest event) and more. Take I-90 Exit 452.

Moss Mansion, 256-5100
This elegantly restored, turn-of-the-century mansion provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop. Fee. 914 Division St.

Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum 256-6811
Explore Old West history and Indian artifacts in a log structure museum near Logan International Airport. Open weekdays or by appointment.

Pictograph Cave State Park 245-0227 (summer), 247-2940 (winter)
The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular area for bird watching. Picnic sites. Fee.

Western Heritage Center, 256-6809
Featuring "Our Place In The West"—a social history of the Yellowstone Valley, plus changing exhibitions. Summer educational tours to cultural sites. 2822 Montana Ave.

Yellowstone Art Museum, 256-6804
This premier museum in a four-state region exhibits western and contemporary art from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. The museum recently underwent a $10 million expansion. 401 N. 27th St.

ZooMontana, 652-8100
Zoological/botanical garden specializes in northern latitude temperate species. View native and exotic animals, sensory garden and children's zoo. Open daily, mid-April to mid-Oct. Fee. 2100 S. Shiloh Rd.

BROADUS (G-11)

436-2778
Located just west of the Powder River, visitors can stop by the **Powder River Historical Museum and Mac's Museum** (436-2276 or 436-2977) and admire the general store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars, pioneer photos and Indian artifacts, plus minerals and more than 200,000 seashells. Seasonal. The **Powder River**

TOP: RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM, MILES CITY (MICHAEL CRUMMETT) · ABOVE: CROW FAIR PARADE, CROW AGENCY (D. SEXTON)

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN CUSTER COUNTRY

BUCKING HORSE SALE—
Miles City, 3rd weekend in May
The Miles City Bucking Horse Sale is one of Montana's most popular and thoroughly western celebrations.

BUZZARD DAYS—
Makoshika State Park in Glendive, June
Buzzard Days welcomes back the turkey vultures to the park. Enjoy a day of fun-filled events.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND REENACTMENT—
Hardin, June
The most famous Indian-U.S. Cavalry battle in history comes alive each June, held 6 miles west of Hardin. A military ball, rodeo and other entertainment round out Little Big Horn Days.

FORSYTH RODEO DAYS—Forsyth, June
The Northern Rodeo Association comes to Forsyth to put on one of its greatest rodeos ever. Here you'll see the best from all over the U.S.

FOURTH OF JULY—Roundup, July
A parade and fireworks are just part of a fun weekend that includes rodeo action by the Northern Rodeo Association.

CROW FAIR—Crow Agency, August
Crow Agency becomes the "tipi capital of the world" during this celebration of Indian culture that includes parades, rodeo, horse racing and dancing contests.

MONTANA FAIR—Billings, August
Montana's largest statewide event features a carnival, top name country music performances, rodeos, horse racing and 4-H projects from throughout Yellowstone County.

CATTLE DRIVE/WAGON TRAIN—
Broadus, August
Learn to trail cattle, pitch camp and ride horseback, or claim a seat in one of the wagons that travel through the rolling hills and pine-topped ridges of southeast Montana.

HERBSTFEST—Laurel, September
Patterned after the German Oktoberfest, Laurel makes this event the most authentic German festival in the state.

NILE (Northern International Livestock Exposition)—
Billings, October
NILE week at Billings' MetraPark has become one of the American West's important ag expositions. Its five-performance Pro Rodeo is the most heavily attended rodeo in Montana.

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http://visitmt.com/custer

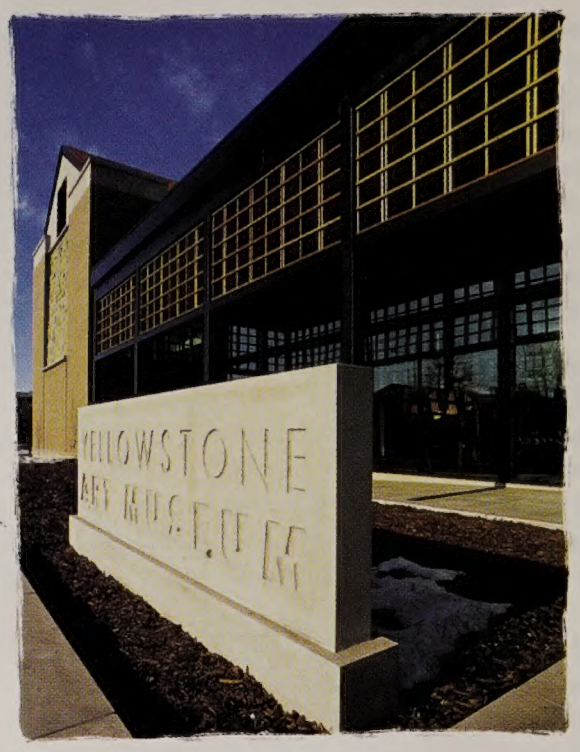
Taxidermy Wildlife Museum (436-2538) features wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative guns and local art. Ask for directions to Reynolds Battlefield, 23 miles south of Broadus.

COLSTRIP (F-10)
748-2990
Known as the "energy capital of Montana," Colstrip is coal-mining country. Stop at the **Colstrip Visitor Center** to learn about the local history, the operation of a coal-fired power plant and the workings of an open-pit mine. Tours Mon.-Fri., reservations appreciated. The **School House Art Center** (748-4822) features historic and contemporary photography. **Castle Rock Lake**, on the edge of town, offers fishing, wildlife viewing, picnic spots, rest area, bike and hiking paths.

CROW AGENCY (G-9)
Headquarters of the **Crow Indian Reservation** (638-2601) and close to the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Crow Agency becomes the "tipi capital of the world" in mid-August during the annual Crow Fair celebration. Cultural tours offered through **Little Bighorn College** (638-7211).

CUSTER (F-9)
A friendly town along the Yellowstone River, visitors can enjoy agate hunting, fishing and rustic Boothill Cemetery. Nearby, at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone rivers, is the site of Fort Manuel Lisa, the first building in Montana built by white men.

DECKER (G-10)
Located on Montana's southern border, Decker offers access to two state parks. **Rosebud Battlefield State Park** (232-0900) is the undeveloped site of the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory eight days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. **Tongue River Reservoir State Park** (232-0900) offers scenic boating, camping and great fishing. Concessions available seasonally.



EKALAKA (F-12)
775-6294 (evenings)
Steeped in rich heritage, Ekalaka is home to **Carter County Museum** (775-6886) with some of the finest paleontological discoveries in America—including one of only three known *Anatotitan copei (Duckbilled hadrosaur)* skeletons in the world. Nearby **Medicine Rocks State Park** (232-0900) was once a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual forms. Primitive camping facilities.

FORSYTH (E-10)
356-5656 or 877-479-8468
On the banks of the Yellowstone River and the Lewis and Clark Trail, Forsyth offers area history at the **Pioneer Museum** (356-7547) and the **Rosebud County Courthouse** (356-7318), which is listed on the National Register. The three-story, neoclassical building is capped with an ornate copper dome. Inside are murals and stained glass.

TOP: YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM, BILLINGS (LARRY MAYER) · ABOVE: MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK (CHUCK HANEY)

FORT SMITH (G-9)

Bighorn River trout await the angler arriving in Fort Smith. Travelers can stop by the visitor center at **Yellowtail Dam** (666-3234) for books, films, information on recreation and programs on the area's history.

GARRYOWEN (G-9)

Home of two historic Indian battlefield museums, the **Custer Battlefield Museum** (638-2000) and the **Reno Battlefield Museum** (638-2050), both located at Exit 514, off I-90. The Custer museum features Sitting Bull's campsite, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the David F. Barry photograph collection featuring more than 100 photos printed from the original glass negatives. Fee. The Reno museum has free admission and features a guided walking tour of the battlefield for a fee.

GLENDIVE (D-12)

365-5601

This eastern Montana town is home to Makoshika State Park, Yellowstone River recreation opportunities and a wealth of history. Known as the "Paddlefish Caviar Capital," anglers are drawn to the big game fishing opportunities here. Other popular attractions include the moss agates found along the Yellowstone River, the historic Bell Street Bridge and Downtown District, and the life-size *Triceratops* dinosaur at Hollecker Lake picnic area. The **Frontier Gateway Museum** (365-8168) features Plains Indian history and culture, farm and ranch history and a frontier main street in miniature. The **Dawson County Arts Unlimited Gallery** (365-6508) features works of local and area artists. Tour the historic **Krug Mansion** (365-3207) for a glimpse into eastern Montana's past.

Makoshika State Park, 365-6256

To the Lakota, Makoshika meant "bad earth" or "bad land." Wind and water have created caprocks, pinnacles, hogback ridges and fluted hillsides. This 8,832-acre park also preserves the fossil remains of *Tyrannosaurus* and *Triceratops* dinosaurs. See fossils, including a *Triceratops* skull, on display in the visitor center. Located southeast of town on Snyder Ave., the park offers scenic drives, nature trails, picnic sites, archery range and campground. Fee.

HARDIN (F-9)

665-1672

Western history comes alive in Hardin. Visitors will find activities and heritage at the nearby **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Custer National Cemetery** and **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**. Take Exit 497 off I-90 to reach the **Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center** (665-1671), which offers cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop and statewide travel information. Visit the **Jailhouse Gallery** (665-3239) at 218 N. Center for its Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits and gift shop.

HUNTLEY (F-8)

Take a short diversion off I-94 to this valley of lush crops and the **Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture** (967-2881). The collection of agricultural artifacts is south-central Montana's most impressive, with more than 5,000 items displayed.

HYSHAM (E-9)

Hysham visitors are greeted by a panorama of green fields, pasture lands and strips of grain. Popular recreation areas include the **Howery Island Wildlife Viewing Area** (233-2800) and Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area. Both offer wildlife viewing, fishing and more. For pioneer history, stop by the **Treasure County Museum/ Manning Theatre**.

LAUREL (F-8)

628-8105

Located at the junction of great rivers and highways, Laurel is a convenient stop for travelers. The **Chief Joseph Statue** in downtown Fireman's Park and **Canyon Creek Battlefield Marker** (7 miles north of town) commemorate the 1877 battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry under the command of Col. Samuel Sturgis.

MILES CITY (E-11)

232-2890

Miles City is a classic western town, most famous for its annual celebration of cowboy culture—the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale. Rich in western history, it has three districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For recreation, visit **Pirogue Island State Park** (232-0900), a great spot to view wildlife and hunt for agates (no facilities).

Custer County Art Center, 232-0635

Located in a historic waterworks plant on Water Plant Rd., the center features the work of local, state and regional artists. The annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale.

Fort Keogh

At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several original buildings remain and the old parade grounds are still intact. Two miles southwest of town.

Range Riders Museum, 232-6146

The impressive historic center on the west edge of town includes Fort Keogh Officers' Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Miles town, Heritage Center, Indian artifacts and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. Seasonal. Fee.

Wool House Gallery, 232-0769

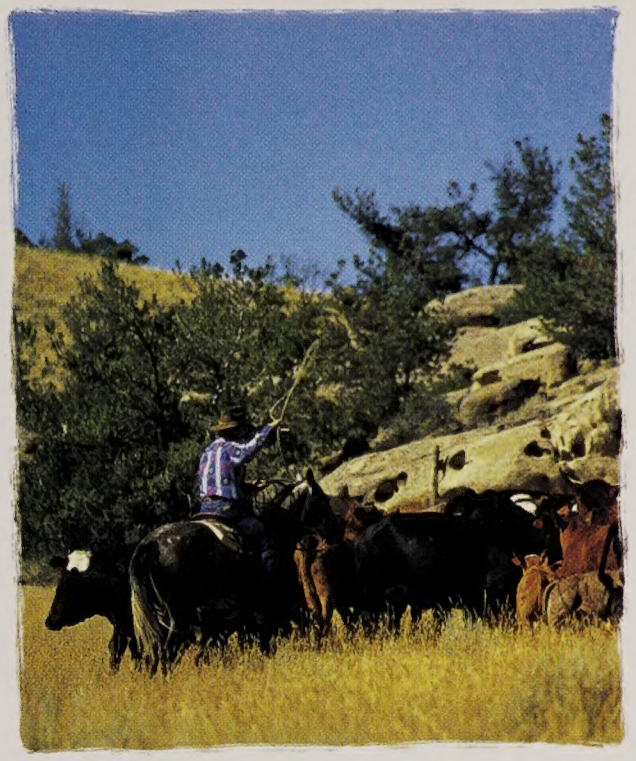
This 1909 wool warehouse, once owned by the Milwaukee Railroad, features railroad artifacts and memorabilia. 419 N. 7th St.

PRYOR (G-8)

Visit **Chief Plenty Coups State Park** (252-1289), home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crow tribe. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to lead his people to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Museum and exhibits interpret Crow culture. The park is 1 mile west of Pryor on the Crow Indian Reservation. Fee.

RICHEY (C-11)

Richey lies in the center of cattle, sheep and farm country. Visit the **Richey Historical Museum** (773-5656). Seasonal. Stop at **Kuester Dam** (just 7 miles east on MT 200) for



boating and waterskiing, picnicking and overnight camping. Stocked with perch, northern pike and trout.

ROUNDUP (E-8)

323-1966

Once a gathering point for large herds of cattle that grazed up and down the valley, Roundup is located on the Musselshell River near the Bull Mountains. The **Musselshell Valley Historical Museum** (323-1403) includes a pioneer-era cabin, 5-room house, coal mine and 7,000-sq.-ft. exhibit area. Seasonal.

RYEGATE & LAVINA (E-7)

Both towns are located in the beautiful Musselshell River Valley. Visitors will find great fishing along the river known for its catfish and trout.

TERRY (D-11)

635-2126

Terry is nestled by the Yellowstone River in the heart of agate country. Visitors can discover Terry's history at the **Lady Cameron Gallery** (635-4040), featuring photos of eastern Montana as seen through the eyes of a pioneer British immigrant (1894-1928). The **Prairie County Museum** (635-4040), housed in the old State Bank of Terry, is filled with horse and buggy equipment, household and business antiques. Both museums are seasonal. The nearby **Terry Badlands** (232-4333) provide a dramatic backdrop and recreational opportunities.

WIBAUX (D-12)

This gateway to Montana has a rich history. Stop by the **Wibaux County Museum Complex** (796-9969) for an introduction to the area and its history. The center includes the Pierre Wibaux House, built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman. Visitors will also find farm and household items of early area settlers, Indian artifacts and Centennial Car Museum. Open May-Sept. Another distinctive building is **St. Peter's Catholic Church** with its stained glass and lava rock exterior, built in 1885. A state visitor information center greets travelers at Exits 241 and 242 off I-94. Open May-Sept.

TOP: WORKING GUEST RANCH (D. SEXTON) • ABOVE: PIERRE WIBAUX "TOWN HOUSE", WIBAUX (D. SEXTON)

"Game is still very abundant. We can scarcely cast our eyes in any direction without perceiving deer, elk, buffalo, or antelopes...The country is, as yesterday, beautiful in the extreme."

-Excerpts from the journals of Captain Meriwether Lewis, Lewis & Clark Expedition, April & May, 1805

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